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Dense smoke after a fire broke out at a storage facility of Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Co Ltd in Raipur on Friday | PTI

FIRE GUTS EQUIPMENT WORTH ₹50cr IN RAIPUR

Transformers and electrical equipment worth around ₹50 crore were gutted in a major fire at a storage facility of the state-owned Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited at Gudhiyari in Raipur on Friday. While no casualties were reported, people living near the facility were evacuated. As many as 30 fire tenders doused the flames, which broke out between 1.30 pm and 2 pm, after about eight hours.

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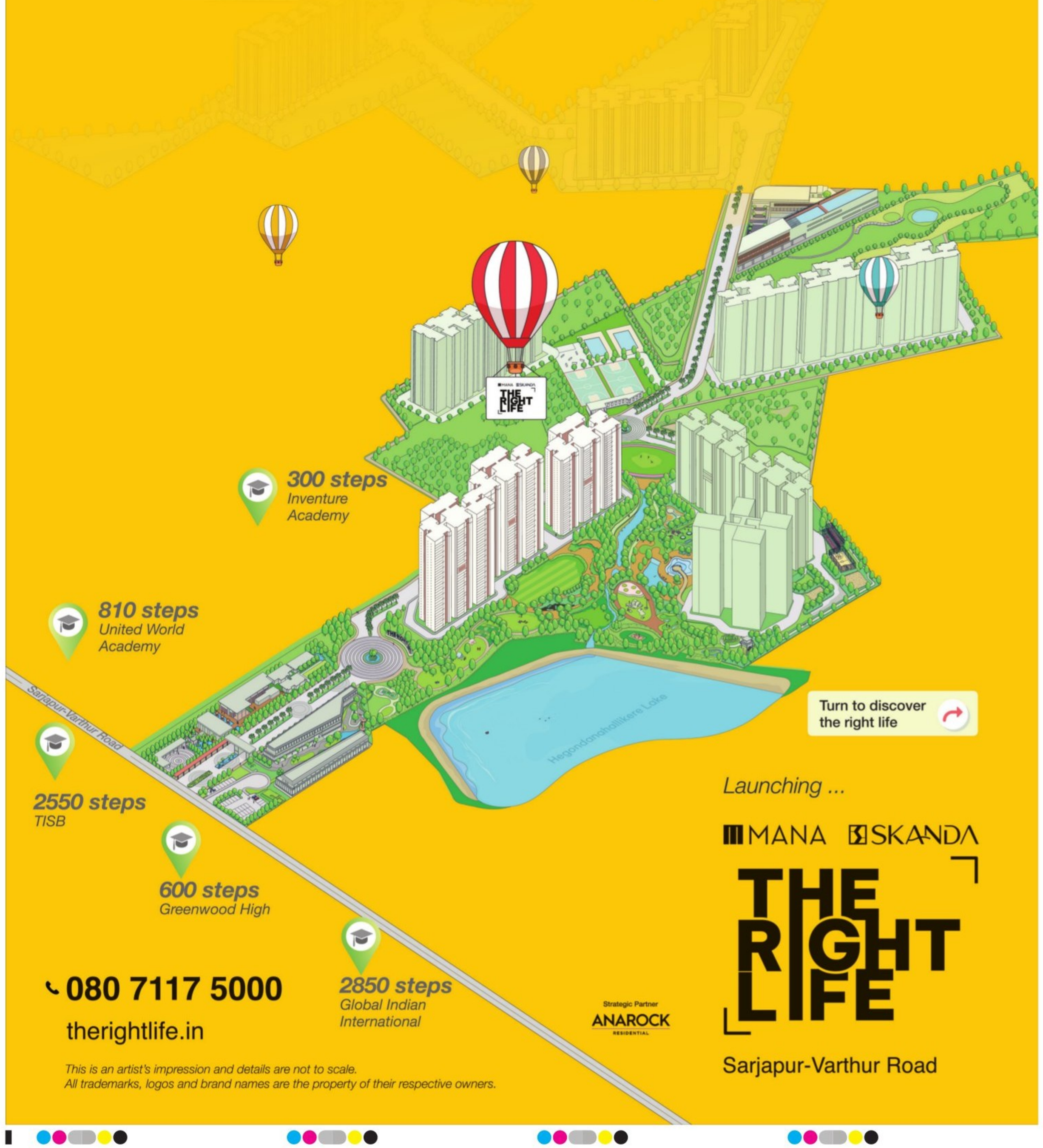

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IDF SACKS 2 FOR GAZA AID WORKER KILLINGS

In a rare confession, the Israeli military on Friday admitted to have committed a grave mistake in bombing an aid convoy of the World Central Kitchen in Gaza early this week, killing seven persons. The Israeli army said it has dismissed two officers who were directly responsible for the drone attack and reprimanded three others for their role in the wrongful attack | AP | P14

CONG PROMISES 5-FOLD JUSTICE IN MANIFESTO

Outreach to youth, farmers, women; promises right to apprenticeship

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

FROM promising a national caste census to providing legal guarantee to MSP and the right to apprenticeship, the Congress on Friday sought to tick all the important checkboxes in its manifesto released just weeks ahead of the first phase of the Lok Sabha polls.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the manifesto will be remembered as a "document of justice" in the political history of the country. The manifesto stands on the five pillars of 'Paanch Nyay', which include justice for youth, farmers, women, workers and participation and representation in 'decision making' process in the country, said Kharge.

As the Congress poll strategy in the recent assembly elections revolved around the plank of caste census and social justice, the party in its manifesto vowed to hold a nationwide census to identify and enumerate castes, sub-castes and their socio-economic condition, and amend the Constitution to raise the 50% ceiling on quota for SCs, STs and OBCs.

Other promises include 10% quota in jobs and education for the Economically Weaker Section for all castes and communities and a law for quota in private educational institutions for the SCs, STs and OBCs.

It will also set up a Diversity Commission that will measure, monitor and promote diversity in public and private employment and education. It said it would abolish application fees for government examinations and government posts. It will also enact a law after Rohith Vemula to address discrimination faced by students belonging to the marginalised communities.

In tune with its promise on generating employment, the party said that it will enact the Right to Apprenticeship Act to provide a one-year apprenticeship with a private or a public sector company to every diploma holder or college graduate under the age of 25 with a stipend of ₹1lakh a year. It also promised to abolish the Agnipath programme and direct the armed forces to resume normal recruitment to achieve the full sanctioned strength.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge with Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, releasing the party's manifesto for the Lok Sabha polls, in Delhi on Friday | PARVEEN NEGI

EMPOWERING ALL SECTIONS

- Nation-wide socio-economic and caste census
- Will raise **50% cap** on reservations for SC, ST and OBC
- **10% EWS quota** to be open to all castes
- Will ensure that minorities have the freedom of choice of dress, food, language and personal laws
- Mahalakshmi scheme to provide **₹1 lakh per year** to every poor Indian family
- Will encourage reform of personal laws with the participation and consent of all the communities concerned
- One-year apprenticeship to every diploma holder or college graduate below the age of 25. Apprentices will get **₹1 lakh a year**
- All student education loans to be written off as one-time relief
- **NEET, CUET** exams to be made optional for state govts

Cafe blast: Cong, BJP spar as NIA grills saffron neta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga

QUESTIONING of a BJP leader from Thirthahalli by NIA in connection with the Bengaluru cafe blast case on Friday led to a political slugfest between the Congress and BJP.

While Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao suspected the role of the saffron party in the case, the BJP accused the Congress of spreading fake news.

The NIA reportedly questioned BJP Yuva Morcha leader Sai Prasad in Thirthahalli. It is said that one of the accused had purchased a used phone from Prasad's shop. In a press release, the NIA clarified that as part of its investigation, it has been summoning and examining the friends and acquaintances of the accused in the case.

As the news of NIA questioning the BJP worker spread, Gundu Rao posted on X: "What will the saffron party leaders of the state say now as they had earlier spoken as if our government was responsible for the blast? Doesn't it mean that the BJP was involved in the Rameshwaram cafe blast as the BJP leader has been taken into custody by the NIA? Do you need any more proof than this that the saffron terrorism that the BJP is running in the state in the name of protecting religion is creating serious problems? What does the BJP, which is imposing RSS ideologies on the country, say to this?"

He also sought answers from the state BJP leaders "who have blamed the Congress over the Rameshwaram bomb blast case without considering the issue of national security must now give an answer." P7

EXPRESS READ

Bail for Shoma Sen in Bhima Koregaon case

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday granted to academic-activist Shoma Sen, arrested in connection with the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case. Sen had been lodged at Byculla Jail in Mumbai since her arrest in 2018 | P11

13 escape as fire breaks out at RT Nagar building

Bengaluru: Thirteen employees of a private company escaped unhurt after a major fire broke out around 1.50 pm at a commercial building at RT Nagar on Friday. Four fire tenders doused the flames by 4pm | P5

KIA records 38.3°C, temp to rise by 2-4°C

Bengaluru: KIA recorded the highest maximum temperature so far of 38.3°C on Friday and the IMD has forcast a 2-4°C rise in maximum temperatures. Meanwhile, Yadgir recorded 44.1°C followed by Kalaburagi 42.8°C | P4

Rates on hold, RBI waits for inflation to vanish

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday chose not to surprise or disappoint markets as it left the key policy rates unchanged at 6.5% for the seventh time on the trot. RBI's monetary policy committee led by governor Shaktikanta Das cited inflationary pressure from high food prices but sounded confident of keeping retail inflation at 4.5% in FY25.

The no-surprises monetary policy had a soothing effect on the rupee, which has been under strain for some time, and also on the equities market. The rupee rallied 9 paise to close at 83.30 against the dollar, while the stock markets closed flat after a choppy ride with the benchmark Sensex managing to close in the green with 20.6 points gains at 74,248 and the broader Nifty ending the session flat at 22,513 on Friday.

The central bank also maintained the 'withdrawal of accommodation' stance, saying growth numbers have been robust and the priority is to anchor inflation to the target. "When CPI peaked at 7.8% in April 2022, the elephant in the room was inflation. The elephant has now gone out for a walk and appears to be returning to the forest. We'd like the elephant to return to the forest and remain there," Das said.

RBI expects the growth momentum to continue in FY25 with GDP growth projected at 7%. Das said the second advance estimates placed real GDP growth at 7.6% for FY24, the third straight year of 7% plus growth.

He says the momentum will sustain as the latest purchasing managers' index for manufacturing touched a 16-year high of 59.1 in March and services PMI hit a 13-year-high at over 60, suggesting healthy growth.

'Hanuman Chalisa' case: FIR against shopkeeper

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE recent case pertaining to the attack on a young shopkeeper for reportedly playing 'Hanuman Chalisa' in Halasurugate police limits has taken a new turn with the police registering an FIR against him.

Mah Jabeen, 55, mother of Suleman, an accused in the case, filed a police complaint on March 18 against G Mukesh, the shopkeeper. The police, who filed a non-cognizable report, approached the jurisdictional court. The FIR was registered against Mukesh on March 27 based on the court's direction.

In her complaint, Jabeen alleged that Mukesh assaulted her son and his friends when they questioned him for playing loud music during prayers in a nearby mosque. P7

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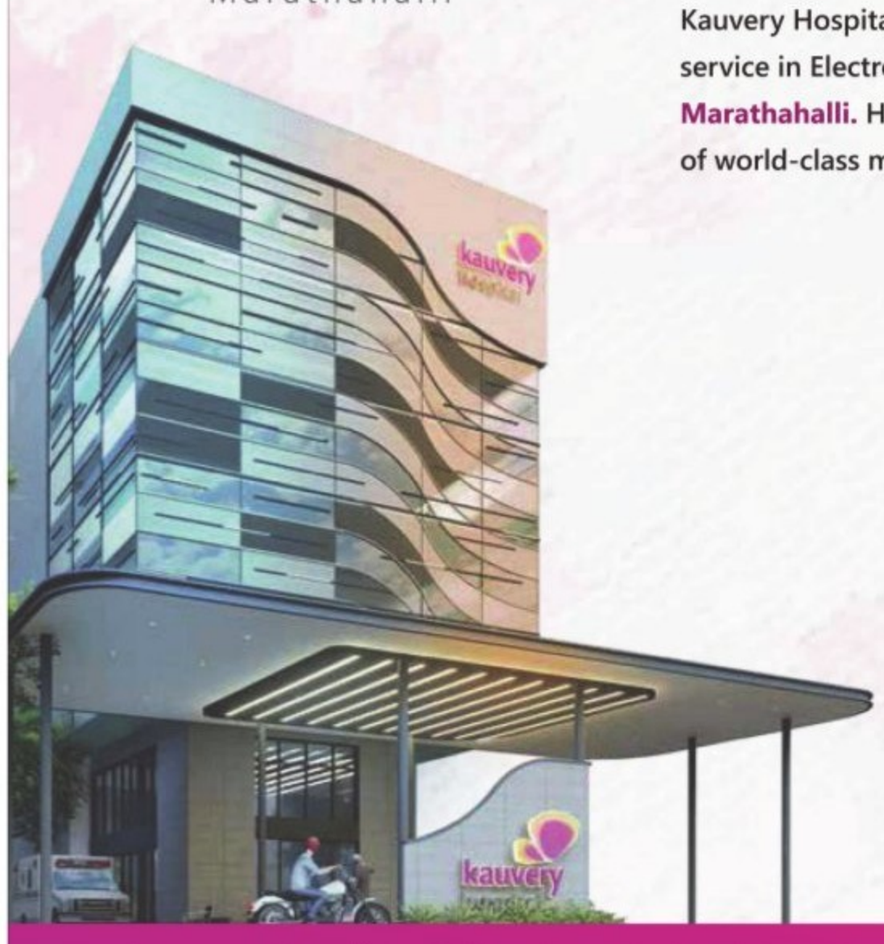

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Nakshatra: Sathabhisha 1.17 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am
Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 37°C
FORECAST
Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 06.12 am
Sunset 06.31 pm
Moonrise 04.13 am
Moonset 06.17 pm

IN WHITEFIELD

BDA STOPS ILLEGAL LAYOUT, BBMP GIVES A-KHATA FOR SITES

'Pipes being laid, owners fooling agency'

MOHAMMED YACOOB
@ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) which recently asked builders to remove earthmovers deployed to level land at Pattandur Agrahara in Whitefield, is wondering why the municipality has given A-Khata and collected betterment charges and taxes for 33 sites at survey number 19/2 in Pattandur Agrahara.

Officials who rushed to the spot after residents and activists complained about alleged illegal layout formation, said the builder had got a temporary injunction against BDA.

"BBMP cannot give A-Khata as BDA has not given any approvals for layout formation, still, A-Khata was provided in 2002. Earlier, when we stopped JCB machines levelling land, the owner approached court stating the compound wall was damaged by BDA, and based on this development, they got an injunction. Now we will file an objection. BDA will also serve a notice asking owners not to construct any building, and a letter will be sent to the Sub-Registrar's office, Bengaluru East taluk, not to register the properties," said SS Aravind, Assistant Executive Engineer, BDA. He also stated that the owners have said they were just levelling land and not developing any layout.

However, residents and activists are not willing to subscribe to the BDA clarification. "The explanation given by BDA does not match the situation on the ground. It is very visible that layout work is going on with installation of sewage pipes, levelling roads according to the layout plan and also installing drinking water pipes," said Sandeep Anirudhan, coordinator, Sub-Committee-Illegalities, Whitefield Citizens' Ward Committees.

"BDA raided the location on April 3 and asked the builder to remove the earthmovers. The injunction is applicable only if the builder has obtained plan approval and starts construction as per law, but in this case, BDA has stated that it has not given any approvals so far and has the right to stop illegalities," said Anirudhan.

EXPRESS READ

Sai Gold Palace to hold fest to mark anniversary

Bengaluru: Shree Sai Gold Palace is gearing up to host the Sai Gold Festival ahead of its anniversary. During the occasion, customers can enjoy a Rs 3,000 discount on every one kg purchase of silver items, Rs 10,000 offer on every 1-carat diamond jewelery purchase, and a 10% discount on the value of silver jewelery. Ahead of the Ugadi festival, Dr TA Sharavana, the owner of Shri Sai Gold Palace stated that customers purchasing one gram of gold jewellery will get two grams of silver for free.

A woman protects herself with her saree from the blazing sun in the city | VINOD KUMAR T

- Avoid going out in the sun, especially between 12-3 pm
- Drink sufficient water and as often as possible, even if not thirsty
- Wear lightweight, light-coloured, loose and porous cotton clothes
- Use protective goggles, umbrella/hat, shoes or chappals while going out
- While travelling, use hat or umbrella, and damp cloth on your head, neck, face and limbs
- Do not leave children or pets in parked vehicles
- If you feel faint or ill, see a doctor immediately
- Use ORS, homemade drinks like lassi, torani (rice water), lemon water, buttermilk to rehydrate the body
- Keep animals in shade and give them plenty of water
- Use curtains or sunshade and open windows at night
- Use fans, damp clothing and take bath in cold water frequently

KIA sizzles at 38.3° C, city temp to go up by 2-4° C

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BENGALURU International Airport on Friday recorded the highest maximum temperature so far of 38.3 degree Celsius. This is the temperature in the surrounding areas too, and with the mercury on the rise, an alert has been sounded, said Chanebasanagowda S Patil, Director, Aerodrome Meteorological Office, India Meteorological Department (IMD). Since the observatory at the airport is new, there is data only since 2014.

Bengaluru city centre and HAL Airport recorded a maximum of 37 degree Celsius on Friday. While IMD has issued a heat warning for most parts of south and north interior Karnataka, a 2-4 degree rise in maximum temperature is forecast for Bengaluru. Experts have demanded a heat wave alert and warning of hot and humid weather conditions and warm nights be issued for Bengaluru. "The IT City is neither a plain nor a hill station. It is 920 metres above mean sea level and is like a mini hill station, surrounded by plains on one side and a hill station on the other. The parameters for declaring a heat wave should be different for Bengaluru. It is an unusual phenomena that the city has been recording maximum temperatures of 36.4-37 degree Celsius in the past few days. This is 2-3 degree higher than the normal of 34 degree Celsius. The nights are also warmer by 2-3 degrees, compared to the normal minimum of 22 degree Celsius," said an expert. On Friday morning, Yadgir recorded the highest maximum temperature of 44.1 degree Celsius, followed by Kalaburagi at 42.8 degree Celsius, Raichur 41.6 and Bagalkote 41.1°C.

IMD officials have asked people not to drink tea or coffee, and instead consume fresh juices, lots of water, vegetables and fruits, and avoid staying outdoors from 12-3pm.

Top official: No cholera outbreak

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REFUTING reports indicating a cholera outbreak in the city, Health Commissioner Randeep D clarified that only six cases of cholera have been reported this year with two cases being identified in Bengaluru urban, three by BBMP in March, one in Ramanagara in February with no reported cases so far in April.

Cholera, when diagnosed, can be effectively treated by promptly replenishing lost fluids and salts through Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) for milder cases, and severe instances call for intravenous fluid replacement. Although antibiotics can reduce the severity and duration of the illness, rehydration remains the primary focus of treatment, he added. Further clarifying about Heat-Related Illness (HRI) during a press meet held on Friday, Randeep said that no cases of heatstroke were reported in the state. Records at the Integrated Health Information Portal (IHIP) indicate 342 cases of heat rash, 121 cases of heat cramps, and 58 cases of heat exhaustion, totalling 521 cumulative cases related to heat-related illnesses.

Randeep also pointed out that reporting of HRI started on March 1 via IHIP from all Health Care Facilities (HCFs) to gather data on suspected heatstroke cases and deaths.

Rise in dehydration cases, ORS sale spikes by 60%

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

A city which was once known for its pleasant climate, has now recorded a maximum temperature of 37.2 degrees Celsius and has seen a simultaneous increase in dehydration and heat strokes, triggered by humidity, heat, and contaminated water,

Hospitals in the city are reporting a majority of people complaining of symptoms like vomiting and diarrhea. In view of this, sales of ORS have also spiked, with people purchasing it not only from pharmacies but also from various online platforms.

Dr Narayanaswamy, pediatrician and founder of Athreya Hospital said, "In the past week, we have seen an increase in severe dehydration cases, admitting 23 children and 20 adults. The issue seems to affect all age groups equally, though certain vulnerable demographics, such as the elderly, young children, and those with chronic illnesses, are particularly at risk."

High temperature increases the body's fluid loss through sweating, making it essential to replenish fluids regularly, he added.

Dr Nidhin Mohan, consultant of Internal Medicine at the Narayana Health City Hospital, said, "Elderly individuals, especially those taking medications that reduce perspiration, and frequent alcohol consumers are more susceptible to heat stroke."

Patients exhibiting symptoms such as an increase in body temperature, elevated pulse rate, and mental confusion require hospitalization and intensive monitoring for a minimum of 48 hours due to the potential risk of severe heat stroke, which can lead to kidney damage and harm to other vital organs, Dr Mohan explained.

The sales of ORS have spiked in the city by 60% with at least two of the four variants going out of stock each day, said a sales executive associated with an online delivery platform. Moreover, pharmacies in the city have also noted an increase in ORS sales, as people are stocking up on and consuming it daily to replenish lost fluids.

47 students report dehydration, diarrhea

Bengaluru: Approximately 47 students from the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) girls hostel, who reported symptoms of loose stools and dehydration, were rushed to Victoria Hospital on Friday. Dr Ramesh Krishna K, Dean and Director of BMCRI, said, "Students who were admitted were diagnosed with acute gastroenteritis, and are in stable condition. Among the 47 students, 28 were shifted to the Trauma Care Centre, 15 to H Block, and four were admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for observation. Reports have been sent, and treatment including antibiotics and intravenous fluids is being given," Dr Ramesh added.

OCI card holders can apply for engg, medical seats: Govt to HC

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THE state government informed the Karnataka High Court that it has no objection to considering Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholder students for admission to undergraduate medical, dental and engineering seats in government and private colleges on par with Indian citizens for the academic year 2024-25.

The government advocate made the submission as the interim orders passed by the high court earlier as well as orders of the supreme court about the right of OCI cardholders to apply and be considered for admission to government and private seats. Recording the submission, the court passed the interim order.

The court was hearing the petition filed by Abhidyu Gowda Mandya Chandrashekar, an OCI cardholder from Mandya. He moved the court seeking directions to the authorities concerned to permit him to participate in the counselling of CET-2024 for undergraduate engineering seat selection for 2024-25 in government, private aided and unaided engineering colleges in the state.

KING OF FRUITS IN CITY

With the onset of the mango season, people buy mangoes on Jayamahal Main Road in Bengaluru on Friday | ALLEN EGE NUSE J

PGs to face action for illegal water connection

ENS @ Bengaluru

ANNOUNCING tough measures against erring paying guest accommodations taking illegal Cauvery water connections, BWSSB chairman Ramprasat Manohar instructed officials to take action against them and submit a report on the same within a week. He also conducted a live phone-in programme on Friday, to address complaints pertaining to issues of water supply and drainage networks. The decision was taken after a resident of Kadugodi Ward's Ambedkar Nagar complained to Manohar that 43 people who have set up unauthorised Cauvery water and sewerage connections run PGs. Responding, the BWSSB chairman said the board has been receiving similar complaints from many parts of the city.

"There is no problem in running PGs by getting water connections under the commercial category. However, unauthorised access to water and sewerage and carrying out commercial activities is not acceptable. The authorities should take immediate action in this regard," said Manohar, directing officials to investigate and submit a report within a week.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

06TH April : Surprisingly, we are still puzzling over whether there used to be life on Mars, the red planet. The evidence is stacking up in favour of an ancient ocean which would have contained sea creatures. But are there little green men - or LGM as we know them - now? There aren't of course - and I'm glad. It makes life in our solar system much simpler!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Be prepared to stand alone if it is the only way to get what you know you deserve. Mars, your courageous planetary ruler, will supply all the strength you need and require to achieve your ends. It will also contribute to a stroke of good fortune at work.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
What takes place now must improve the conditions of your working life. Even social contacts you make may have significant professional repercussions. Friends have your best interests at heart, even if, just lately, they seem to have been ignoring your feelings.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are not the type to compromise, yet when Venus forms a supportive relationship with your sign, this is just what you must do. It's much better to be tactful now, than live to eat your words later. You will do yourself a favour if you keep out of a dispute between partners.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
For someone who is so sensitive you can also be remarkably tough, a contradiction which often bemuses your loved ones and perplexes your friends. Over the present period both these qualities are essential if you are to succeed. Stick to the facts for a change!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
For weeks now you have been fighting an uphill battle. One of your complaints is that a particular person, or people, has been concealing information from you. Whether this has been deliberate or not is another matter. And that is what you have to work out before you take another step.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
What is fair in one context may not be so in another. Therefore it's up to you to be flexible and meet partners half way. Your reputation will receive a boost if you are seen to do the right thing. Your stars are looking better and better as the days pass, in spite of rising tension.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Boredom is not often one of your problems, partly because you're always on your toes expecting a disaster of one kind or another. However, this will be a quiet weekend unless you are actively disturbed by other people. And, if you are, try to placate them as quickly as you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Don't capitulate to unfair pressure just yet. Help has arrived in the form of Venus, one of the most beneficial of the planets. From now on, you will discover the virtues of true friendship. It's not always easy for you to reveal your deeper feelings - but do have a go. It might do you good!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You simply cannot let up now, just when the Sun and Venus are aiding your sign. Weary as you may be, you are about to find your second wind, and there's no doubt about your ability to win through. You will soon be facing up to a new responsibility - and very successfully, too, may I say.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It seems likely that there will be plenty to interest you in out-of-the-way places and mysterious activities. If you want stimulation, try and make a break with your normal routine - and experiment with change. I know it's difficult, but you shouldn't regret it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You gave an inch and people expected a mile. Now you want them to reciprocate but you may have a very long wait. One of the lessons you must learn is that other people can be every bit as stubborn as you. That may come as a surprise to you, but not to your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your weekend peace may be disturbed by news about your career, or by comings and goings at home. It's not a bad moment to take practical decisions that you've been putting off for some time now. Don't worry. It's just that you have troublesome planets at the moment; they'll soon pass.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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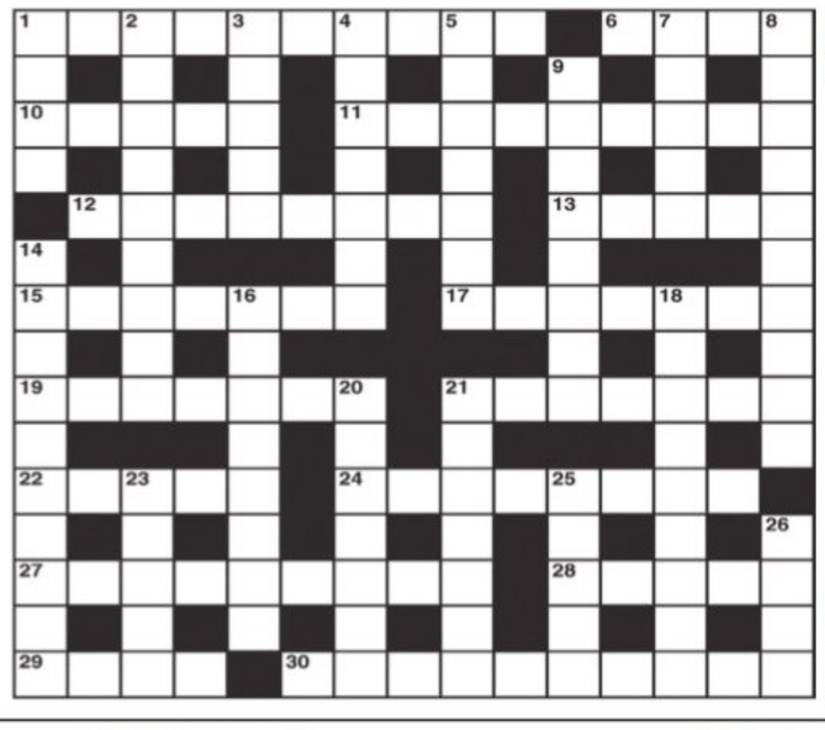

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Dukes aren't given to breaking promises (10)
6 Lay in some vanilla ice cream (4)
10 A deal leads to a game (5)
11 He struggles with valiant monstrous beast (9)
12 One who talks one round to composing some music (8)
13 See cat jump off piano (5)
15 Above and just behind the clock (7)
17 He plays by himself (7)
19 Takes strong objection to marriage of Ted and Tess (7)
21 Book covering part of North Africa (7)
22 Last sign of the Greeks (5)
24 Height could mean a slight change of latitude (8)
27 Being villainous, use no fair play (9)
28 Limit where fires may be lit (5)
29 Made to go in tens perhaps (4)
30 He has to pay the price of publicity (10)

DOWN
1 Fruit sounding nothing like a peach (4)
2 Land of France in the depression is very off-putting (9)
3 Crow bar? (5)
4 Free in general (2,5)
5 People won't be satisfied with this description (7)
7 Wooden pale (5)
8 Satisfied I raise no argument (10)
9 An outstanding singer perhaps (8)
14 Praiseworthy features of a railway? (4,6)
16 Desmond marries but doesn't expect to be happy (8)
18 Detectives appear in new tennis events (9)
20 British naval man opposite to a landlady? (3,4)
21 Maybe it's me as a painter (7)
23 Mischievous out of self-interest (5)
25 Sailor turns to playing cards (5)
26 Try and listen (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Rubbish, 5 Tessa, 8 Big dipper, 9 Ado, 10 Pupa, 12 Reticent, 14 Static, 15 Curate, 17 Eyesight, 18 Reef, 21 Par, 22 Exception, 24 Evens, 25 Illness.

Down: 1 Rubup, 2 Beg, 3 Iris, 4 Hopper, 5 Terminus, 6 Stalemate, 7 Apostle, 11 Plane tree, 13 Tidiness, 14 Steeple, 16 Chichi, 19 Funds, 20 Opal, 23 Ice.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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How can we ever thank them for helping us?
WHEN PEOPLE CAME TOGETHER FOR THE BARN RAISING, IT WAS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TUMMY BLAND DENTAL EITHER
Answer: When Altoids were invented in 1780, the company — MADE A MINT

A taxi owner took his own life after those who had rented his vehicle, pledged it. The deceased, Mujahid Pasha, hanged himself at home in Rajiv Nagar, Mysuru, on Friday. Pasha's wife, Asma, in a police complaint, accused Asgar and Sallu for her husband's suicide. The duo allegedly pledged the vehicle

RCB LOSS?

Plaint over posts against Ashwini Rajkumar

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LATE actor Puneeth Rajkumar's fans filed a complaint with the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner on Friday, over certain derogatory posts on social media against **Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar**, wife of the late actor, blaming her for RCB losing their matches in the Indian Premier League.

T Anjaneya, president of Appu Boys Organisation, along with several fans of the late actor, filed the complaint demanding legal action against the accused. "The derogatory post was

first posted on @GAPAPADE6, on platform X. After the post went viral, the account was made private and was changed to 'Sudeep Fac'," Anjaneya told reporters.

He further added that the miscreants are trying to create 'Fan Wars'.

On March 19, the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) management had organised an Unbox event at M Chinnaswamy Stadium for the name change of Royal Challengers Bangalore to Royal Challengers Bengaluru. This programme was inaugurated by Ashwini.

Making references to this programme, the accused are blaming Ashwini for RCB losing their matches.

Condemning the attack on her on social media, pro-women organisations, activists and writers have raised their voice against the accused.

Firefighters deploy a ladder to approach the upper floors of Sri Venkateshwara Manor in RT Nagar, where a fire broke out, in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

13 ESCAPE UNHURT AS FIRE BREAKS OUT IN OFFICE BUILDING

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THIRTEEN employees of a private company escaped unhurt after a major fire broke out in the basement of their office building in the city on Friday, thanks to a fire safety training provided to them a few days ago.It was work as usual for the employees of Business Solution Ltd at the Miracle Drinks complex on 80ft Road in RT Nagar.

Aravind, an employee of the company, noticed sparks in one of the generators in the basement of the building around 1.50pm. Soon, the generator caught fire. Aravind attempted to douse the fire with the help of an extinguisher, but could not. He rushed to the first floor and alerted other employees there. By then, the fire spread to other parts of the building. All 13 employees took the staircase to the second floor and were looking for ways to get out of the building.

Meanwhile, a ladder was reached out to them from an adjacent building. By the time personnel from the Fire and Emergency Services Department arrived at the spot, five employees reached the adjacent building safely through the ladder. The rest were rescued by the firefighters.

"We received fire safety training sometime ago and it helped us in escaping unhurt. Five of us could reach the adjacent building with the help of the ladder. Later, the firefighters rescued the remaining employees. Two employees faced breathing problems and were rushed to a nearby hospital," Aravind told TNIE.

The company has 50 employees and only 13 were in office on Friday. The rest worked from home. Twenty-five motorcycles and some boxes containing ayurvedic products were destroyed in the fire that engulfed the basement, according to sources.

Deputy Director (Fire Prevention) Dr Yunus Ali said six fire tenders took three hours to douse the fire. The reason for the fire is yet to be ascertained. "There were generators and two-wheelers in the basement," he added.

Another road rage case, miscreants attack victim

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

CLOSE on the heels of three scooter-borne miscreants harassing a family by trailing their car near St John's Hospital, another family has undergone a similar horrific road rage experience near Varthur on the same night.

The victim, a 23-year-old man, along with his family and a one-and-half-year-old child, was stopped by two accused, riding a Tamil Nadu-registered motorbike, for taking a turn without putting on the indicator. The accused attacked the complainant and also called their associate to the spot. The third accused attacked the victim with his steel kada. They also abused the victim's wife, the complaint stated. The victim managed to hold on to the bike of the accused and also called the police control room. When one of the accused came to take his bike, the police arrested him. The victim was treated at a hospital in KR Puram. The Whitefield police have registered a case.

R Shivakumar, a resident of Sri Krishna Temple Road in Indiranagar, had gone to his friend's house in Kadugodi along with his wife and child. On their way back home around 9 pm on Sunday, Shivakumar drove his car to a CNG gas station at Varthur. While he was taking a left turn to the gas station, the two accused, who were coming behind on a bike, stopped the car and picked a fight for taking a sudden left without putting on the indicator. Both the accused started punching Shivakumar's face.

"I started bleeding, but I held on to the bike of the accused," Shivakumar, a transporter, told *TNIE*.

"Of the three accused, two are identified as Parashuram and Mani. One was arrested on the spot. The bike has also been seized," said the Whitefield police.

On the same night, a family of three who were returning to their residence in Begur from the St John's Hospital were harassed by three scooter-borne miscreants accusing them of not putting an indicator while taking a right turn. The Madiwala police have arrested the accused.

CRIME PATROL

POLICE ARREST 4 DRUG PEDDLERS, INCLUDING 2 FOREIGNERS

BENGALURU: The Bengaluru police along with the anti-narcotics wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) busted a drug racket and arrested four drug peddlers– two foreign nationals and two from Telangana. They recovered drugs worth Rs 2.5 crore including cocaine and MDMA crystals. A 33-year-old foreign accused, who was on a business visa who came to India in 2022, was nabbed in Bommanahalli police station limits. Police identified the accused as Seka Ghislain Tano, a native of Ivory Coast (West Africa). In 2022, he came to India and began a clothing business in Delhi and Mumbai. He was later arrested by Shankar Puram police and was booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (NDPC) Act. On April 4, he was arrested for carrying illegal 2kg MDMA crystals worth Rs 2 crore. In another incident, Chennamanakere Achukattu police raided the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP) playground at Thyagarajanagar on April 1. A 36-year-old resident of Kenya, who was on a student visa, was caught seeling drugs by the police. The accused was identified as Kailikta Job Kaumeuru (36) from Meru, Kenya, a resident of HBR layout. 81 grams of cocaine worth Rs 6.5 lakh was seized. In a similar incident, Devanahalli police nabbed two accused who were selling drugs. The accused have been identified as K Ramugowda alias Charan Gowda (38) and Abubakar alias Mehaboob from Telangana. Police seized 850 grams of cocaine worth Rs 80,00,000 and suspected another accused identified as Srikantha who is absconding.

Cops to check drunk driving at poll checkposts

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TO ensure a safe and peaceful election season and avoid untoward incidents due to alcohol, the Bengaluru Traffic Police initiated an innovative approach to catch hold of drunk and drive offenders. While the Election Commission of India has set up 102 checkposts across the city to keep an eye on election irregularities, one traffic cop will be appointed at every checkpost with a breathalyser to check for drunk and drive instances.

Sharing details about the novel initiative with the media here on Friday, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda said, "Starting from April 1, every checkpost will have a traffic police officer with an alcohol metre to check for drink and drive cases. It was introduced to prevent illegal activities, fights and conflicts in the city. 6,863 vehicles have been checked and 83 cases have been booked by the traffic police between April 1-3."

The commissioner added that this initiative will continue until the election ends.

Hoysala police patrol vehicles to be equipped with dash cameras

In a step towards making policing transparent, Bengaluru City Commissioner B Dayananda said all 2,041 Hoysala patrolling vehicles will be equipped with two dash cameras, both inside and outside the vehicle. Additionally, all station police inspectors (PI), Additional Commissioner of Police (ACPs) of law and order and traffic, and cars of higher officials including two commissioners will receive the dash camera funded by the state budget.

4 held in CSR fund scam case

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Four people were arrested in a CSR fund scam worth over Rs 15 lakh. The scam came to light on March 14, when the accused created fake websites and identities, luring the Shankara Ashrama Trust to obtain CSR funds from a private firm. Police identified the accused as Sunitha (36) from Tamil Nadu, Jethin Aagaral alias Pavan (20), a 2nd year engineering student, Jayakumar (42) an electrical engineer from Tamil Nadu, and Rajendra Hegde alias Ganapathi Hegde (56) from Gujarat, who runs a small hotel.

On March 14, an accused approached the trust claiming that crores of CSR funds would be provided by a firm. They sought Rs 15 lakh as charges to transfer the funds. When the trust inquired about the money, the accused said the management process was a reason for the delay. When the trust's lawyer approached the accused, he was assaulted by the latter. The trust then approached police.

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Borrower/ Mortgagor: 1) M/s Venkateshwara Hollow Bricks, represented by its proprietor Mr. Mohan Rao.G. Address: No.52/1, Nisarga Layout, Abbigere, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore-560090. **1(A). Mr. Mohan Rao G,** No 52/1, Nisarga Layout, Abbigere, Chikkabanavara Post, bangalore-560090. **Co-Obligant: 2) Mrs P Umadevi,** No 52/1, Nisarga Layout, Abbigere, Chikkabanavara Post, bangalore-560090.
Sale of property belonging to **Smt. P Umadevi** for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.
Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated **06.09.2023** under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **21.03.2024.**
Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act.
Description of the Secured Assets: Name of the Owner of the scheduled Property: Smt. P Umadevi : Vacant House Site No.13, 11th Main Road, Raghavendra Swamy Temple Road, Near Sir Ram Bus Stop, Abigere Main Road, Ward No.12, Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North-560015, Measuring East to West 31 feet and North to South 70 feet in all measuring 2170 Sq.ft and Bounded by: East: Property belongs to Sobha, West: KC Ashok and KC Srinivas property, North: Others Property, South: Road.

Date : 05.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Section 8(1)] for immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **Canara Bank,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers/ Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagors / Guarantors and the public in general, that the undersigned has **taken possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of Said Act read with rules 8 of the said rules on mentioned dates.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an below mentioned amount and interest thereon.

1. Name & Address of the Borrower : 1. Sri. Konduru Sathyanarayana Raju, (Proprietor) S/o. Sri. K. Doreswamy Raju, Address: No. 1182, HIG, 8th B Cross, 12th Main, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru- 560064. **2. M/s. Jahnavi Granites and Builders,** Address: No. 1182 9th B Cross B Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru- 560106.
Demand Notice Date: 01.02.2024 **Possession Notice Date: 04.04.2024**
Outstanding Amount : Rs. 13,41,23,253.95 (Rupees Thirteen Crore Forty One Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Three and Ninety-Five paise only) and interest thereon.
Description of the Property : 1) Residential House property at site No.388, 8A Cross, 12th main road, A Sector, Yelahanka New town, Bangalore - 560064. Measuring 4500 sft, **Bounded on : North :** Property No. 389, **South :** Property No. 387, **East :** Property No. 367, **West :** Road. **Name of the Title Holder : Sri. K. Sathyanarayana Raju.**
2) Residential House [ground + 3 floors] at No. 1182, HIG I & II Stage, 8th B Cross, 12th Main Road, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore 560064. The extent of Site is 3580 sft. Total built up area is 8629 sft. **Bounded on : North :** Road, **South :** Property No.1178 &117, **East :** Property No.1183, **West :** Property No.1181/Corner Site. **Name of the Title Holder : Sri. K. Sathyanarayana Raju.**
3) Residential Building at Site No. 367, 80 Feet Road, A Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore 560064, standing in the name of Mr. K. Sathyanarayana Raju. The extent of Site is 4500 sft. **Bounded on : North :** Property No. 366, **South :** Property No. 368, **East :** Road, **West :** Property No. 388.

2. Name & Address of the Borrower : 1. Sri. Konduru Sathyanarayana Raju, S/o. Sri. K. Doreswamy Raju, Address: No. 1182, HIG, 8th B Cross, 12th Main, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru- 560064. **2. Smt. Hemavathi K, (Co-Borrower)** W/o. Sri. Konaduru Sathyanarayana Raju, Address: No 20 Taralbalu Near Police Station, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru- 560106
Demand Notice Date: 01.02.2024 **Possession Notice Date: 04.04.2024**
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 1,19,34,650.20 (Rupees One Crore Nineteen Lakhs Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and Twenty paise only) and interest thereon.
Description of the Property : 1) Residential House property at site No.388, 8A Cross, 12th main road, A Sector, Yelahanka New town, Bangalore - 560064. Measuring 4500 sft, **Bounded on : North :** Property No. 389, **South :** Property No. 387, **East :** Property No. 367, **West :** Road. **Name of the Title Holder : Sri. K. Sathyanarayana Raju.**
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3) Outstanding Amount : Rs. 2,01,03,682.68 (Rupees Two Crore One Lakhs Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Two and Sixty-Eight paise Only) and interest thereon.
Description of the immovable Property : 1) All that piece and parcel of the flat bearing 101 constructed on all that piece and parcel of the western portion of property bearing site no. 14 and 15 in formed out of sy.no.4 at Lottegollahalli village, Kasabi hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara palike ward no.100, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore and having Muncipal No.14 and 15 situated at 1st Main Road Lottegollahalli near Sterling Apartments, Bengalore-560094. Total super built up area is 2525 sft and carpet area is 1900 sft. **Bounded on : North :** Road, **South :** Private Property, **East :** Remaining Portion of the Property bearing Nos.14 &15, sold to Sri.K A Muttanna, **West :** Private Property. **Name of the Title Holder : Sri. K. Sathyanarayana Raju.**
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Date: 05.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

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ST Somashekar has kept his foot outside the BJP. He has also voted against the party in the Rajya Sabha polls. So the question does not arise at all. He cannot be called our party (BJP) legislator now

R Ashoka, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly

POLLING DATE
PHASE-2 APRIL 26
PHASE-3 MAY 7

DAYS TO GO
PHASE-2 20
PHASE-3 31

TOTAL SEIZURES
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April 5, 2024
Date when scrutiny of nominations starts

TWEET OF THE DAY

This isn't just the Congress Party's manifesto (5 Nyays and 25 Guarantees!); it's a beacon of hope and justice for our country whose citizens have been pushed into the darkness of injustice for 10 long years. Congress's 'Nyay Patra' is the voice of the people of India, who want opportunities, hope, prosperity and a future where everyone gets an equal share of growth. This is the blueprint upon which a New India will emerge from the shadows of autocracy. Time to ensure 'Nyay', time to ensure a just future for all!

@DKShivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister

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BJP Delhi team keeping watch on tough seats

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WITH just a few days left for the Lok Sabha polls in Karnataka, a BJP Delhi team is constantly watching a few constituencies, where there is a tough fight and also bickering within the party.

In the state, BJP has 25 MPs, one independent, one JDS and one Congress MP. BJP this time is contesting from 25 seats, while leaving three to their alliance partner JDS. A senior BJP leader, requesting anonymity, said that with more than half of the sitting MPs replaced, there is dissent among leaders who did not get the tickets and their followers. "Some of them are not campaigning for our party candidates, putting the latter in an embarrassing position," he said.

Some of these disgruntled leaders were convinced by senior BJP leaders like BS Yediyurappa, Pralhad Joshi and others, and they are now campaigning for party candidates. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during his recent visit to the state, had warned some of them.

Party sources said that Shah's interaction with some of the party leaders revealed that he knew more details about the dissent in each constituency than the state leaders. "We are aware that they have a dedicated team here which is working at each constituency, watching every move or statement of some leaders. They report to BJP state incharge Radhamohan Agarwal, who sends information to Delhi," the sources added.

The constituencies being watched are Mysuru, Chikkaballapur, Hassan, Koppal, Belagavi, Mandya, Bengaluru North and a few others. "In the last year's Assembly polls, we lost close to 20 seats where we had a good chance of winning. The negative results were because of the bickering among our party leaders. The BJP team from Delhi has kept a watch to prevent a repeat of that in the Lok Sabha elections as that could damage the party's prospects," the sources added.

At some places, like in Hassan, BJP leaders are not cooperating with JDS candidates. This too has not gone down well with the party leaders in Delhi. "They are watching and such leaders will face the consequences once the polls are over," the sources warned.

> *In last year's Assembly polls, we lost close to 20 seats where we had a good chance of winning*
> - BJP sources

Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh is welcomed into the BJP by party national general secretary Radha Mohan Das Agarwal, state president BY Vijayendra, and former CMs BS Yediyurappa and DV Sadananda Gowda in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

Modi inspired me to join BJP: Sumalatha

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@ Bengaluru

MANDYA independent MP Sumalatha Ambareesh officially joined the BJP on Friday in the presence of several senior leaders, including former chief minister BS Yediyurappa. Expressing the reasons for her decision to join the ruling party, Sumalatha said, "I have seen Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his vision very closely. He is my inspiration, and it's because of him that I realised joining BJP was better."

Sumalatha, who spoke to the media after joining the party, said that five years ago, the people of Mandya had supported her, leading to an historic victory. "I am indebted to the people of Mandya, Ambareesh's fans and also the BJP, which extended its support to me externally. I was an outsider to the party then, and even then PM Modi, who had come to the Old Mysuru region, sought votes on my behalf, which I can never forget."

Recalling her late husband Ambareesh's association with the Congress, Sumalatha said the late actor was with the Grand Old Party for many years. She said she was not into politics then, but had seen the Congress from outside. "But ever since I became MP, attending the sessions and other programmes, I have seen and heard Modi's works and speeches closely," she said.

Sumalatha added that she has learnt many things from Modi's vision. "I also received guidance from many BJP leaders, including from Karnataka. I got inspired by Modi, which is why I felt I should join the party," she reiterated.

Further, Sumalatha said that Modi envisions 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. "We all should join hands together to make his dream come true. For me, my political career is not important, but my nation. I am happy and proud to join the party," she added.

Speaking about state leaders, Sumalatha said when Yediyurappa became CM in 2019, he had convened a meeting in New Delhi. "Yediyurappa was keen on developing Mandya. I had requested him to reopen the MySugar factory in Mandya, and he initiated the process. Later, during Basavaraj Bommai's rule, Rs 50 crore was allotted for reopening the unit, and today, others are falsely taking the credit. The BJP government had inaugurated it first, and later the Congress government inaugurated it again and took credit. This is not right," she expressed.

KBG says will debate with FM over tax row

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REVENUE Minister Krishna Byregowda said he has accepted the civil society's invitation for an open debate with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on issues of fiscal federalism and tax devolution.

"I have accepted the invite of civil society to debate issues of fiscal federalism and injustices to Karnataka with truth and facts. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and myself had invited the Union Finance Minister for an open debate. I hope she will participate," Byregowda stated.

Jagruta Karnataka and some pro-Kannada organisations have invited the ministers for the debate at Gandhi Bhavan in Bengaluru on Saturday evening.

Jagruta Karnataka member Rajashekar Akki said they have written to the Union Finance Minister, inviting her for debate. She had stated during her recent visit to Mysuru and on several occasions that Karnataka has received its share of funds from the Centre, but ministers in Karnataka have refuted her claim, the organisation stated in its email to the Union Minister.

Byregowda said he is ready for the debate and asked if Sitharaman is ready for it. The minister said the Union Government is doing injustice to the state in tax devolution. The Centre has to provide special grants of Rs 11,495 crore to the state, but the Finance Minister claims that the Finance Commission had not made any such recommendation, he said. Byregowda appealed to Sitharaman to take part in the open debate to put an end to confusion among people over the devolution of taxes.

However, BJP dubbed it as a Congress-sponsored programme organised during the elections. Sitharaman will be in Bengaluru on Saturday, but she will not take part in the debate, said a BJP leader. Several BJP leaders, including Sitharaman and former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai, have spoken about tax devolution and Central grants to Karnataka on several occasions, the BJP leader said.

Joshi slams AICC president over his remarks against PM Modi

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@ Hubballi

UNION Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines **Pralhad Joshi** has ripped apart AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge for his "opium-induced sleep" jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over incursions in Ladakh by China's People's Liberation Army (PLA). He indirectly dragged the name of the first prime minister of the country, Jawaharlal Nehru, to attack the Congress party chief.

Joshi cautioned Kharge over the usage of language towards the democratically elected and most-popular prime minister, and retorted that the Congress chief should pay attention to language when criticising somebody in a hurry, that too while speaking about the country's prime minister.

In a sharp reaction to Kharge's remark, the BJP leader said, "I don't want to use such filthy language towards the AICC chief. Since Modi is elected and the popular prime minister of the country, he

(Kharge) should understand what kind of language he is using, because he is the national president of the so-called Grand Old Party."

Indirectly bringing Nehru's name to question the Congress, Joshi stated, "I will ask who had consumed opium when 34,000 sq km of land was grabbed by China in 1962."

Further, defending the action of the Modi government, the minister further said, "With all confidence, we are saying that our government has not allowed China to enter Indian territory. Not even an inch of land has been grabbed by anybody." Despite firm action, such filthy language is being used against the prime minister, which is most condemnable, and he strongly opposes it, he added.

Ridiculing senior Congressman Chidambaram's remark that the BJP was destroying regional parties, Joshi said they are not destroying any regional party, but strengthening the BJP. "It was the duty of each party to strengthen the BJP's responsibility. How can Chidambaram expect the BJP to strengthen the DMK? When any party becomes weak, how fair is it to blame the saffron party?" he retorted.

POLL VAULT

60 nominations rejected

BENGALURU: Following scrutiny, 60 of the 492 nominations filed by 358 candidates for contesting the Lok Sabha elections have been rejected. The details of the nominations rejected in Bengaluru South LS seats were not available as a release from the authorities stated that it is "adjourned". The last date for filing nomination was Thursday and April 8 is the last date for withdrawal of nominations for second phase of the polls on April 26. Electioneering is picking pace in the state as candidates from Congress and BJP-JDS are campaigning in their respective constituencies.

Somashekar to campaign for Rajeev Gowda

BENGALURU: Yeshwanthpur MLA ST Somashekar of the BJP has openly extended support to Congress candidate Rajeev Gowda, who is contesting from Bengaluru North Lok Sabha constituency. "I am going to campaign for him," he said. Somashekar told reporters that the BJP candidate (Shobha Karandlaje) had come to Yeshwantpur constituency, but he was not informed. "Even when Union Minister Amit Shah was in Bengaluru, they did not call. They are insulting me. I have spoken of it to my voters," he said. Slamming Karandlaje, Somashekar said she had been sent back by Udupi-Chikkamagaluru constituency with their 'Go Back' campaign. "Why should Bengaluru North accept her?" he asked. "I will support those who seek my support." Asked if he was joining the Congress, he responded with "wait and watch". It may be noted that in the recently held Rajya Sabha polls, Somashekar had cast his vote for the Congress candidate, embarrassing the BJP.

'Those unhappy with Cong ideology can leave'

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

WITH Gourav Vallabh – a former Congress spokesperson – switching over to the BJP, Congress national spokesperson Anshul Avijit said, "Those uncomfortable with the party's ideology are free to leave."

Avijit on Thursday was in Chitradurga along with CM Siddaramaiah accompanying candidate BN Chandrappa, who filed his nomination from the reserved constituency. Vallabh is the third high-profile Congress leader to quit the party in two days after the exit of boxer Vijender Singh and Sanjay Nirupam.

"Attrition on the eve of elections is normal. A lot of people from BJP have joined us as well. But those who have quit Congress quoting ideological differences would have been a misfit if they had not left us. I wish them well," he said. "They are scared of being hounded by Central agencies and are joining the saffron party to escape the witch hunt," charged Avijit, who is the son of former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar and grandson of longest serving Union minister Late Babu Jagjivan Ram.

"We are committed to secularism, social justice and economic empowerment. Our plank of social justice is for inclusive growth and march towards modernity. We are fighting against polarisation, crony capitalism and abuse of power by the executive under which the BJP has weaponised government agencies and institutions against the opposition," he charged. Countering the speculation that the exodus of his party spokespersons will weaken its campaign against their rival, Avijit said the morale of the Congress and its alliance partners under the I.N.D.I.A bloc is robust. "The cadres are agile and galvanised. Our campaigns are on positives - the set of guarantees that are meant to rejuvenate the economy of the country and provide employment," he said.

CM Faiz joins the Congress in the presence of CM Siddaramaiah, DCM DK Shivakumar and KPCC working president Tanveer Sait, in Bengaluru on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

PERFORM IN LS POLLS OR PERISH, DKS WARNS NEW OFFICE-BEARERS

BENGALURU: Deputy CM and KPCC chief DK Shivakumar on Friday warned newly appointed office-bearers, including working presidents, that they may be sacked after the Lok Sabha polls, if they do not work for party candidates. "You should shoulder the responsibility efficiently and perform organisational work neatly, by including more and more new people to the party's cadre. Your responsibility is not to walk around with a visiting card. Don't expect cars and rooms. It is immaterial how long I will be the KPCC president, but you should work with honesty and integrity," he said, at the party's women's wing meeting. He also inducted former minister R Shankar; former JDS president CM Ibrahim's son, CM Faiz; Tumakuru JDS leaders - Govindaraju; former ZP president Prema Mahalingappa; and former TP president Boregowda into the party.

HDK to meet Vishwanath today in outreach to Kuruba community

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy, who has remained outside the circle of trust for Kurubas, is making a strong outreach towards the community. The former CM, who is contesting from Mandya Lok Sabha seat, will visit his former party president Adagur Vishwanath, on Saturday in KR Nagar.

It may be recalled that Kumaraswamy was let down by Kuruba leader Adagur Vishwanath, who is now a BJP MLC. The fallout between the two leaders came after Vishwanath was not given a ministerial berth in the 14-month JDS-Congress coalition government in 2018. Adagur, who was Hunsur MLA, blamed Kumaraswamy for it.

Hoping to talk it out, Adagur had gone to the Taj West End to visit Kumaraswamy, but the then chief minister had kept him waiting at the gates for an inordinately long time. It led to a sharp fallout between the two leaders, and soon after, Kumaraswamy's government collapsed and the two avoided each other. Vishwanath, who joined the BJP, suffered a shock defeat in the Hunsur bypoll in 2019.

Five years down the line, Kumaraswamy is no longer the CM and Adagur Vishwanath is no longer an MLA, but it may be time for reconciliation. Kumaraswamy's visit would serve two purposes -- at an emotional level it will bring reconciliation between them, but at a larger level, it could build understanding between the two communities. He would be seeking Kuruba support in KR Nagar, that Adagur once represented as MLA. There are about 45,000 Kuruba votes in KR Nagar, which is part of Mandya parliamentary constituency after delimitation in 2008.

One of Adagur's supporters says he is a master at setting the narrative, and this was evident when he said the Congress should withdraw its candidate in Mysuru and ensure that royal family scion Yaduveer Wadiyar is elected unopposed.

If Vishwanath sets the narrative by meeting Kumaraswamy, and they bond over their favourite meal of ragi mudde and soppina saaru, along with many local Kuruba leaders, it remains to be seen if the latter gets the Kuruba vote. There are over a 1.5 lakh Kurubas in Mandya district, and their vote will be critical in this election.

"Whether HDK's visit brings in Kuruba votes or not, it will soften the hearts of Kurubas towards the JDS. The party has no major Kuruba leader in the south, and its only Kuruba face is Bandeppa Kashempur from Bidar. Mandya's KR Nagar, Malavalli and Nagamangala together hold 1.25 lakh Kuruba votes. The meeting will definitely bring a reconciliation between the two communities," said political analyst BS Murthy.

Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Vadra Gandhi will be addressing a Congress rally on Saturday at Tukkuguda on the outskirts of Hyderabad, where the party had earlier announced its six poll 'guarantees' for the recent Assembly elections

DELHI EXCISE CASE

CBI to question Kavitha in Tihar

'Info about hearing wasn't given to defence'

PTI @ New Delhi

A COURT here on Friday allowed the CBI to interrogate BRS leader **K Kavitha**, arrested in the Delhi excise policy-related money laundering case, in Tihar jail, raising the likelihood of her arrest in the scheduled offence of corruption.

Kavitha was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam on March 15. She is currently in judicial custody. Special Judge for ED and CBI cases Kaveri Baweja permitted the agency to interrogate Kavitha.

The order was passed on the plea filed by the CBI seeking the court's permission to interrogate Kavitha in judicial custody. The CBI, in its application, sought the court's permission to "interrogate/quiz and record the statement" of Kavitha regarding WhatsApp chats recovered from co-accused Buchi Babu's phone and documents related to a land deal after which Rs 100 crore was allegedly paid to AAP in kickbacks.

Since Kavitha is already in judicial custody, the court's permission was required to question her in jail. Kavitha's advocate Nitesh Rana said the application was neither served to the accused nor the information about the hearing was given to the defence counsel. "The order is passed without the opportunity of hearing given to the accused," Rana said.

Kavitha had urged the court on Thursday for enlarging her on interim bail on account of her 16-year-old son's exams for which he needed his mother's "moral and emotional support". The judge has the reserved order on her plea.

Kavitha, daughter of former Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, has been accused of being a key member of the "South Group", which allegedly paid the ruling AAP in Delhi kickbacks of Rs 100 crore in return for a big share of liquor licences in the national capital.

One killed, three injured in Panur bomb blast

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kannur

A 35-year-old man died and three others suffered serious injuries in a blast while making bomb in Panur, Kannur, on Friday. The deceased has been identified as Kattintavida Sheril, of Muliyathode, Panur. His friends, Vineesh and Vinod, remain in critical condition. The victims are alleged supporters of the CPM.

The explosion took place at 1.30am on the terrace of an under-construction building near the house of Vineesh, a native of Kaivelikkal Muliyathode. Vineesh is the son of CPM local leader Nanu. According to an FIR registered by the Panur police, the explosion took place while making explosives. Vineesh's palm was shattered in the blast, while Sheril suffered severe burns on his face, chest and abdomen.

The police, who rushed to the scene after the local residents reported about the blast, took the injured to the Panur Taluk Hospital. Later, they were shifted to a private hospital in Kannur and then to Kozhikode. However, Sheril's death was confirmed by 12.30 pm.

There are multiple cases pending against them at the Panur police station. "The four persons were taken to hospital by the police. Sheril succumbed to injuries while Vineesh, Vinod and Ashwanth were admitted to a private hospital in Kozhikode. Bomb squad has searched the blast spot but we are not aware of more details. A probe is on to find out if there were more people associated with the blast," said Panur police. There is unconfirmed information that around 10 people were present in the spot during the blast.

However, CPM maintained that party workers were not involved in the blast. "Vineesh and Sheril, who were injured in the blast, are accused in a case of attacking CPM workers. They were dismissed from the party after that incident itself. However, the Opposition parties are deliberately spreading propaganda that those who were injured in the blast are CPM workers. They are trying to mislead the public," said CPM state secretary M V Govindan. Meanwhile, state Congress president and UDF candidate from Kannur K Sudhakaran, said a comprehensive investigation is needed into the blast. "Since this incident is taking place just before the elections, we strongly believe that there is a political motive behind the bomb-making. A complaint will be filed with the Election Commission demanding a thorough investigation into the blast," he said.

BJP leader Prakash Javadekar alleged that one person who was injured in the blast was a CPM worker associated with Vadakara LDF candidate K K Shailaja.

JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE

APCC Chief YS Sharmila Reddy starts her AP Nyaya Yatra from Kadapa constituency on Friday

Reject Sunil Bose's papers for concealing info: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

IN a major development in Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has lodged a formal complaint with the district election officer and Deputy Commissioner Shilpa Nag alleging concealment in the nomination filed by Congress candidate Sunil Bose.

The complaint, submitted by Narayana Prasad, who also serves as the election agent for BJP candidate S Balaraju, calls for the rejection of Bose's nomination.

The saffron party alleges that Bose has deliberately concealed crucial details related to his personal life in his nomination affidavit.

The heart of the complaint revolves around column 26 of the affidavit, which mandates the disclosure of marriage details and related assets.

Prasad's petition asserts that Bose has failed to disclose his marital status and the existence of a six-year-old daughter, which are vital pieces of information as per the election rules.

To substantiate these claims, the petition includes photographs purportedly depicting Bose with his alleged wife and daughter and also social media posts uploaded by Bose and his followers where even Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and others are seen along with him and his family members at his residence during a dinner.

Bose's omission of these crucial familial details raises questions about the transparency and completeness of his nomination filing and Prasad has also said that if at all the information provided by me is false, I am ready to face punishment.

8 nominations in Mandya rejected

Nominations of eight candidates were rejected while 19 were in order for Mandya constituency. In Mysuru-Kodgau constituency four nominations were rejected and 24 were in order. The rejected papers include BSP candidate Revathiraj. In Chamrajnagar, nominations of 22 candidates were in order and three were rejected.

18 nominations in order in Hassan

Of the 21 nominations filed in Hassan constituency, 18 were in order. The nominations of alliance candidate Prajwal Revanna, Congress candidate Shreyas patel, Gangadhar Bhajujan of BSP and eight independent candidates are valid. Nominations of three independent candidates Shek Ahmed, Paramesh and Chikkaiah were rejected due to incomplete information. April 8 is the last date for withdrawal of nominations.

I'm receiving death threats, says Owaisi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

THE AIMIM President, Asaduddin Owaisi, claimed on Friday, April 5, that he has been receiving death threats, more after visiting the deceased gangster-turned-politician, Mukhtar Ansari's house in Uttar Pradesh.

Hoping that the Election Commission of India (ECI) will take note of such actions, Owaisi said, "An atmosphere has built up in the country due to which such people are getting emboldened and daring to speak nonsense. Until God wants me to live, I will live. Nobody is immortal on earth."

While addressing his supporters, the parliamentarian warned the miscreants and said he would not leave the world this easily. "I won't show my back. Several people are threatening that they will kill me," Owaisi said.

On March 29, the legislator demanded an independent inquiry into Ansari's death, claiming that the latter's family raised suspicions of being "slowly poisoned" in the prison.

Manipur Kuki community campaigns for Annie Raja

LESLY JOSEPH @ Kalpetta

IT'S not just LDF workers who are pouring all their energy into the campaign of their candidate **Annie Raja** in Wayanad. Kuki community activist in Manipur, Glady Vaiphei Hunjan, and several victims of the police brutality that unfolded in Sathyamangalam forests over the manhunt for bandit Veerappan are also on Annie's campaign trail as a show of support to the CPI leader who helped them in their fight for justice.

The LDF's campaign in Wayanad has been focusing on Annie's pan India-level politics and her fights and protests across the country.

Glady, who has been in Wayanad for the past three days, speaks highly of the support extended by the people of Kerala during Manipur riots and how the Left parties are raising their voice against the human rights violations faced by the marginalised people.

"This is the first time I'm coming to Kerala, and the primary reason for my visit is Annie Raja and the state's immense support to the Kuki community in Manipur. I come from a place where our people can't even think of an election now. But after seeing the spirit of election campaigns in Wayanad which resembles my hometown, I could feel the strength of democracy once again," said Glady, who is also the vice-president of Manipur Unau Tribal Women's Forum.

"Members of the Kuki-Zo community have been murdered, displaced and looted in the state-sponsored violence in Manipur since past one year. Our documents, properties, assets, everything has gone. Many are still living in relief camps without proper electricity connections or toilets.

"How can we think of an election right now? That's why we have decided to refrain from the polling this time. Annie Raja has been supporting us in our fight against the human rights violations and I decided to support her in the elections," said Glady.

Heatwave: At 43.2°C, Odisha sees one of the hottest summers

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BHUBANESWAR sizzled on Friday as mercury level climbed to 43.5 degree Celsius.

The state capital was the second hottest city across India on the day alongside Kurnool in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. Nandyal in Andhra was the hottest in the country with 43.7 degrees.

For the first time this summer, Bhubaneswar witnessed heatwave conditions and its maximum temperature was 7 degrees above normal on Friday.

City's temperature was 39.8 at 11.30 am, 43.2 degree C by 2.30 pm and it reached its peak at about 3 pm. The city's all time highest maximum temperature in this time of the year was 45.8 degree C on April 11, 2016. The other places in Odisha which experienced significant above normal maximum temperatures are Balasore 39.6 degree C (+4.5 degree C), Chandbali 41.2 degree C (+4.5 degree C), Cuttack 40.6 degree C (+4.6 degree C) and Keonjhar 40.5 degree C (+4.8 degree C). About 25 places in the state recorded 40 degree C or more on the day.

Warm nights are also likely to prevail as the heatwave is continues due to north-westerly/westerly dry air and high solar insolation, said the regional Met office.

People are asked to take precautionary measures while going outside between 11 am and 3 pm. However, people can expect a respite from the scorching heat as parts of the state are expected to witness rainfall or thundershowers for three days starting Sunday.

Yellow alert in Andhra

Severe heatwave conditions are expected in approximately 209 mandals, across Andhra Pradesh on Saturday.

Heatwave conditions are likely to prevail at isolated parts of Andhra Pradesh over the next two days. The IMD-Amaravati has issued a yellow alert for Saturday, indicating that temperatures are likely to reach a new high in Kurnool, Nandyal, YSR, Anantapur, Sri Sathya Sai, Nellore, Prakasam, Palnadu, and Tirupati districts.

The prevailing south-westerly dry air and high solar insolation are expected to drive maximum temperatures to exceed 40°C in many places across the state. IMD has advised people to take precautionary measures.

A labourer splashes water on her face to beat the heat, as Bhubaneswar recorded 43.2 degrees celsius on Friday | SHAMIM QURESHY

Migrant death: Police probe mob attack

ENS @ Kochi

KERALA police are looking into the mob attack death aspect of a migrant worker coming out from a girl's house. He was intercepted and tied by a group at Valakam on Thursday night.

The deceased, Asok Das (24) of Bankura, West Bengal visited the house where two young women stayed. When he was returning, a mob intercepted and questioned him regarding his purpose for the visit. The woman's statement read that Asok was tied outside the house, where he collapsed and was rushed to Muvattupuzha General Hospital. He was shifted to a private hospital in Kollanchery where he died. The police registered a case for unnatural death and started a probe.

"Preliminary probe revealed that the deceased suffered injuries. We are waiting for the postmortem report to know the exact cause of death. Once the mob attack aspect is confirmed, we will include more offences in the case and conduct probe against people who were part of the mob," said a police officer.

A massive voter's awareness rally being taken out as part of SVEEP activities in Mysuru on Friday | EXPRESS

Yet to summon shopkeeper for inquiry, say B'luru police

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HALASURU gate police said Mukesh is yet to be summoned for an inquiry. Suleman, Shanavaz, Rohith, Danish, Taruna and other accused were released on bail a few days ago, a police officer said.

A case of causing hurt (IPC 323), intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace (IPC 504) and criminal intimidation (IPC 506) has been registered against Mukesh.

Mukesh, 26, a resident of Cubbonpet, filed a complaint on March 17 after he was reportedly assaulted by the accused for playing 'Hanuman Chalisa' at his 'Krishna Telecom' shop in Siddannagalli.

The accused reportedly objected to the playing of 'Hanuman Chalisa' by Mukesh during 'Azan'. An argument broke out and the accused allegedly dragged Mukesh out of his shop and assaulted him.

Based on Mukesh's complaint, the police arrested the accused. Several BJP leaders, including Shobha Karandlaje, staged a protest at NT Pet a day after Mukesh was reportedly assaulted.

EXPRESS READ

'Will come with facts on phone-tap case'

Vijayawada: Former CM and BRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao said that he would respond to the alleged phone-tapping case very soon and reveal the facts. He said that in the capacity of two-term former chief minister, he would give clarity on the issue without fail. His response comes in the wake of the arrest of senior police officers in the Intelligence wings who worked closely with him. KCR alleged that a crisis gripped the agriculture sector in the because of Congress' incompetence.

Cong spreading fake news, says BJP

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REACTING to this, the state BJP unit posted, "The Congress is spreading fake news in connection with the blast case in order to protect their brothers. Ignorant Congress leaders do not know the difference between questioning a witness and questioning an accused." The NIA stated that it has identified the accused, who had carried out the IED blast as Mussavir Hussain Shazib and the co-conspirator as Abdul Matheen Taha, residents of Thirthahalli. Muzammil Shareef, a resident of Kalasa in Chikkamagaluru district, who had extended support to the main accused, was arrested on March 26 and examined in police custody.

As the case is terror related, any information on the identity of the witnesses, apart from hampering investigation, may also put at risk the individuals being summoned. Also, unverified news items hamper the investigation. The NIA needs the cooperation of all to arrest the absconding accused, the release said.

Man gets 21 years jail for sexually abusing minor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mandya

MANDYA Additional District and Sessions Judge – Fast Track Special Court (Special Court for trial of rape cases filed under POCSO Act)-- Nagajyothi K A sentenced a 43-year-old person to 21 years of rigorous imprisonment and slapped a fine of Rs 1.16 lakh on him for sexually abusing a 14-year-old minor girl.

The person, who was convicted, has been identified as A Venkatesh, a native of Peranambakkam village in Polur taluk in Tiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu and a resident of Peenya Second Stage in Bengaluru.

On August 20, 2020, around 9.45 am, the minor girl had boarded the KSRTC bus near Govardhan bus stand in Bengaluru to travel to Kodagahalli village in KR Pet taluk in Mandya district. Venkatesh, who boarded the same bus, sat next to the girl and befriended her during the journey. Instead of KR Pet taluk, Vankatesh and the girl had got off from the bus at Nagamangala town. From there, he had taken the girl back to Bengaluru in a bus and to Dhanalakshmi Nagar near Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu.

After renting a house in the layout, Venkatesh 'married' the girl by tying mangalsutra on August 21. He later sexually abused the minor girl .

The police booked him under IPC section 366 (A), 354 (D), 376 (2)(N), 376 (3), section 6 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) and section 9 under the Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006. Then police circle inspector K N Sudhakar conducted the investigation and filed the chargesheet in the court.

I have opened an office outside the Mysuru Palace where people can visit any time to seek support, or share ideas and thoughts for the development of Mysuru. Even if I am out of Mysuru, people can directly interact with me through social networks

Yaduveer Wadiyar, BJP candidate for Mysuru-Kodagu LS constituency

'Cong may win 15 seats across state'

High command wanted me to contest, but state leaders didn't okay my nominee: Muniyappa

BANSY KALAPPA

FOOD and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa's demand to give Congress Lok Sabha ticket to his son-in-law Chikkapeddanna was not honoured by the party central leadership. But many leaders from within the party had threatened to quit if the ticket was given to Chikkapeddanna. Muniyappa, who had won the Kolar Lok Sabha constituency seven consecutive terms, lost the polls in 2019. It is said that many leaders from within the party had worked against him. Muniyappa spoke to *The New Indian Express*. Excerpts:

Why was your nominee not given a Congress ticket from Kolar?
The high command had instructed the state leadership to give the Kolar constituency ticket to me. But when I sought the ticket to my nominee, it was not given. Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, General Secretary (organising) Venugopal and General Secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala had clearly said the ticket would be given to me.

But because of opposition from some people, who have switched parties, they did not give the ticket. The state leadership too could not prevail upon them. These are the same people who sided with BJP to defeat me in 2019. People are watching all this. I have swallowed all the pain and discomfort, and yet as elections are approaching, I am not keeping all these issues before me. For me, the party is important and denying one ticket is not the end of the world. I am anyway proceeding with campaigning. I was recently at Chikkballapur where Congress candidate Raksha Ramaiah filed his nomination. As a party we need to win and come to power first and other smaller issues can be resolved later.

Will Congress win both Kolar and Chikkballapur constituencies?

It is too early to say who will win. I will visit the constituencies and will know if we can win in about 4-5 days.

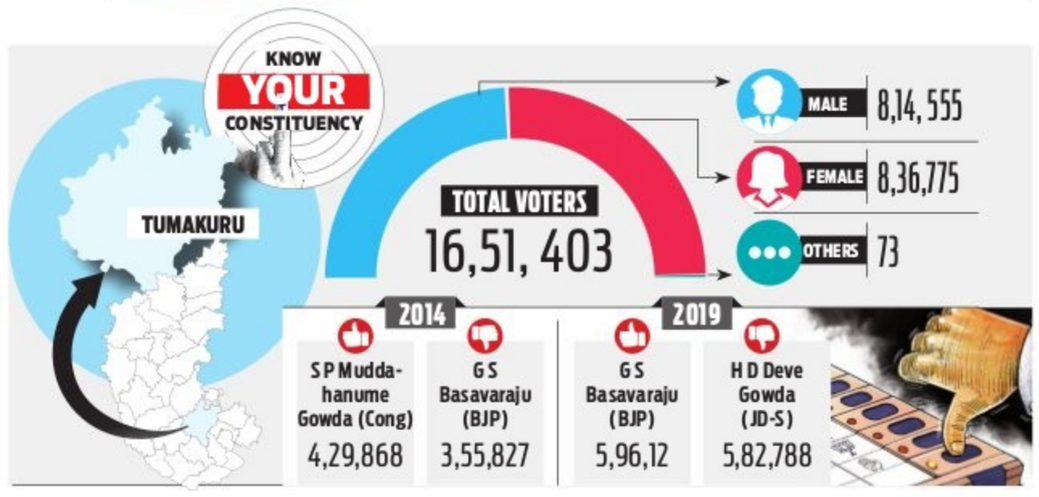
Will Dalit voters go with Congress?
Dalits used to support Congress completely in the early years of freedom struggle. My father was a freedom fighter. Today, that vote is not so homogenous. There are different pulls and pressures, but still the Dalits largely support Congress.

You are from Dalit left while the AICC president belongs to Dalit right?
There is a Dalit left and right. The Dalits along with the Scheduled Tribes are nearly 25 per cent. It consists of Lambanis, Bhovis, Koramas and Korachas. There have been complaints that the resources are not being shared equitably as some communities were cornering all the resources. It needs to be taken up and resolved. But Dalits overall need to be united.

What about Chitradurga ?
(Pointing to former minister H Anjaneya), ask Anjaneya. (Anjaneya says BJP leaders are reaching out voters door to door)

How well will Congress fare across the state?
We should do well because of the guarantees. About 4.5 crore people have benefitted from them and we should win about 15 seats across the state. So many lives have been touched and changed because of the guarantees which is nothing but empowerment.

Is JDs going with the BJP a disadvantage for Congress?
I think it is a disadvantage because these two parties have come together. JDS was neutral and if they are neutral it is no problem but when they align with each other it is a stronger opposition.



In caste fight, can Somanna trump Gowda in Tumakuru?

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IN a fight between Veerashaiva-Lingayat leader V Somanna, the BJP-JDS alliance candidate, and SP Muddahanume Gowda, a Vokkaliga, of Congress, AHINDA communities hold the key in the Tumakuru Lok Sabha constituency, a caste conundrum.

AHINDA is Kannada acronym for the minorities, backward classes and Dalits.

After losing from both Chamarajanagar and Varuna constituencies in the 2023 Assembly polls, 73-year-old Somanna is now fighting a do-or-die battle for his political existence. He drew the first blood and got Madhuswamy, who had set the narrative of an "outsider" against Somanna, shifted as in charge of Udupi-Chikkamagaluru LS seat. He has now poached local leaders, including Madhuswamy loyalists. He is also promptly following the advice of former CM and JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy, who had given him a list of around 250 key leaders that should be taken into confidence, including from the Kunchitiga Vokkaliga community.

As per this playbook, Somanna had reached out to backward classes and Dalits, and some of them, especially Kadugollas, seem impressed. It is the same community that former PM and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda has promised the ST tag within three months of LS polls. When he filed the nomination paper on Wednesday, over 20,000 gathered for the rally. Considering that Somanna is a candidate of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa too attended. The former chief minister went to say that Muddahanume Gowda would lose his deposit.

V Somanna

Muddahanume

Pricked by the statement, a section of Vokkaligas had gathered in large numbers when Gowda filed his papers on Thursday.

At the rally, Congress leaders Nikethraj Mourya and Shankarananda raised the issue of Somanna spending lavishly. "If our five guarantees work against Somanna's money, Muddahanume Gowda would win," remarked Shankarananda.

"(Incumbent MP) GS Basavaraju never raised his voice in the Lok Sabha for Tumakuru and now with no face to contest, Somanna has been brought in. Are we going to let the LS seat go to Somanna, an outsider? Elect the son of the soil Muddahanume Gowda," said district in-charge minister Dr G Parameshwara, for whom it has become a prestige issue.

Being in the alliance, conversion of JDS votes in favour of Somanna will have a bearing on the results. In the 2019 elections, Deve Gowda, who was the Congress-JDS alliance candidate, lost to Basavaraju. It was then said that Muddahanume Gowda, who had to give up the seat for Deve Gowda, joined hands with KN Rajanna, who is the cooperation minister in the present ministry, to ensure Deve Gowda's defeat.

BJP is now making it an election issue. The saffron party is pointing out that Muddahanume Gowda, who joined their ranks, ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls, had campaigned against Congress candidates.

The question now is whether all Congress leaders will patch up with Muddahanume Gowda wholeheartedly or not. It is to be seen whether Vokkaligas go by the words of the Deve Gowda clan or choose Muddhanume Gowda. There were murmurs that Rajanna could leave Muddahanume Gowda in the lurch as he is busy with the Lok Sabha elections in Hassan, which he is in charge of.

Muddahanume Gowda, who was an MP from 2014 to 2019, claimed, "I have delivered goods as an MP by raising the issue of copra price crash in the Lok Sabha, besides saving the erstwhile HMT watch factory land from grabbers where the ISRO will soon start its operation soon."

In the last election, BJP raised the issue of Deve Gowda meting out injustice to Tumakuru by avoiding releasing Hemavathi river water from Hassan in 2019. This time, the saffron party is harping on Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister DK Shivakumar implementing the Express canal project to draw water from Tumakuru to the Bengaluru Rural LS constituency, from where his brother DK Suresh is contesting.

RICH CANDIDATES HAVE RICHER SPOUSES HERE...

Mysuru: Several prominent candidates contesting the Lok Sabha elections in the state have spouses richer than them if their poll affidavits are taken into consideration. Venkataramane Gowda aka Star Chandru, the Congress candidate for Mandya, has total assets worth Rs 267.05 crore. His wife Kusuma has movable and immovable assets worth Rs 329.32 crore. Likewise, former chief minister and JDS candidate for Mandya HD Kumaraswamy and his wife Anitha Kumaraswamy have assets worth Rs 217.21 crore. But what's intriguing is Anitha is wealthier than Kumaraswamy with assets worth Rs 154.39 crore. Kumaraswamy owns assets worth Rs 54.65 crore. Prof MV Rajeev Gowda, the Congress candidate for Bengaluru North, has declared assets worth Rs 134.02 crore. While he owns assets worth Rs 34.59 crore, his wife Sharmila Bhaktaram is richer than him with assets worth Rs 99.42 crore. BJP's Chamarajanagar candidate Balaraju has declared movable assets worth Rs 17.03 lakh and immovable assets worth Rs 55 lakh. His wife Vimala Balaraju has movable assets worth Rs 56.74 lakh and immovable assets worth Rs 2.10 crore. Balaraju doesn't own a vehicle or a residential property, but his wife owns two cars and a scooter and a property at Dattagalli worth Rs 2.10 crore. In many cases, the assets of sitting MPs, ministers and MLAs contesting the Lok Sabha elections in the state have increased manifold in the past five years. Most of them have shown assets in the names of their spouses or other dependents. The assets include land, houses, commercial complexes, luxury vehicles, gold and silver jewellery and cash. --**Karthik KK**

Poll officials to be trained on deep fakes

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IN a first, election officials will be trained on deep fakes, artificial intelligence and modern cybercrimes, to keep a check on online crime.

"There is no harm in learning new technology and updating skills to keep pace with the times and also keep a check on cybercrime," said an official from the Chief Electoral Office (CEO), Karnataka, who is part of the training session to be held on deep fakes and artificial intelligence (AI).

"There are instances of AI-generated images of eminent politicians doing the rounds on social media. There are also instances of voice modulation videos of leaders. So far, no deep fake cases have come to light in the election campaign, but there is a need to be updated to tackle all cases. The training is to improve work," said Suryasen, IT and Media, Special Officer, CEO.

Election officials are taking the help of cyber security teams and the SP, CID, is the nodal officer. Such training is being undertaken for the first time in Karnataka.

So far, election officials have booked 17 cases against people and political parties under various Acts, including the IT Act, for using social media to spread hate messages, circulate fake news, memes, paid pages and making personal attacks. Of the 17, three pertain to the Nagrathpet case.

"We need to be very careful while booking cases against people. We are not filing cases against political satire. We are critical of hate and religious speeches, provocation and use of unparliamentary language. Quick action will be taken if a complaint is filed, but since such cases are very few, the total number of cases is also less. All speeches and messages put out by influencers, politicians, parties and fan pages are being closely monitored, but sometimes we don't act, as we want to give people an equal opportunity," said a CEO official.

A team of 80 people is working at the CEO head office in Bengaluru, tracking details on social media. Apart from this, each district has a team of 4-5 people.

BATTLE READY

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, DCM D K Shivakumar and minister H K Patil take part in a meeting with legislators to discuss the Congress' prospects in the Lok Sabha elections, at the party office in Bengaluru on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

FORUM APPEALS TO VOTERS TO OPT FOR NOTA

Mangaluru: The Sowjanya Horata Samiti has appealed to voters in Dakshina Kannada to choose NOTA (None of the Above) option in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in Dakshina Kannada as all political parties have failed to ensure punishment for the guilty in the Sowjanya rape-and-murder case. Samiti activist Girish Mattannanavar said they do not wish to vote for any of the candidates contesting the Lok Sabha polls due to lack of support from political parties in their fight for justice for Sowjanya. "Hindu Jagrana Vedike and Prajaprabhutva Vedike jointly started the NOTA campaign. The Election Commission must support our campaign. We are appealing to the public to support our NOTA campaign to prioritise the rights and safety of women," he said. "Many people refused to openly extend their support to our fight for Sowjanya's justice. Now, they can support us by opting for NOTA. Despite our fight for 11 years, our demands have fallen on deaf ears. Hence, we will hold awareness programmes on NOTA campaigns in every village. When we opt for the NOTA option in large numbers, it will send a message. We are holding this campaign in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts so that Sowjanya gets justice. We will organise a massive awareness rally on NOTA on April 24 in Sullia," he added. **ENS**

Wary of BJP-JDS pact, Cong leaders visit mutt in Vokkaliga outreach

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WITH a random survey making a startling revelation that over 90 per cent of BJP and JDS workers are happy with their parties' alliance, and afraid that the combination could turn deadly for the Congress in the Vokkaliga bastion of Old Mysuru, the Grand Old Party (GOP) is going all out to prove it is not averse to the community.

About 18-22 per cent of voters from the community have remained fence-sitters, undecided on their choice of party, when the average for all communities stands at 12 per cent in the state, the survey indicated.

This is why late Thursday evening, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah led Congress candidates, including Kolar's K V Gowtham, to Adi Chunchanagiri Mutt head Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swami, the religious head of the community, for blessings at the mutt's Bengaluru facility. Congress candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu M Lakshman, a Vokkaliga, also sought blessings, and Siddaramaiah dined with the seer.

"If 30-35 per cent of Vokkaligas favour Lakshman, the fight will be neck-and-neck, and the result could be unpredictable as Dalits and minorities will rally behind the Congress," remarked KPCC vice-president G N Nanjunda Swamy.

Since the situation is likely to be similar in most of the LS seats in the region, a posse of Vokkaliga leaders and candidates, including Bangalore South candidate Sowmya Reddy, Bangalore North candidate Prof Rajeev Gowda and Tumakuru's SP Muddahanume Gowda visited the swamiji.

"The Congress gave eight tickets (the highest) to community leaders, including Vokkaligas, Bunts and Reddy," remarked Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda. He indicated that the Congress wants to capture the votes of these communities united under one umbrella as Vokkaligas or Gowdas. "By and large, the community has voted democratically for all parties in the recent past. During the assembly elections, a considerable section favoured the Congress because of DCM DK Shivakumar," remarked a Congress leader.

But this time, the Congress leadership is wary of former CM H D Kumaraswamy, son of former PM H D Deve Gowda, the community's supreme leader, contesting from Mandya; it may have a ripple effect in the region, according to analysts.

I.N.D.I.A bloc hugging in Delhi, begging in Kerala, thugging in K'taka: Smriti

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UNION Minister for Family and Child Development and Minority Affairs Smriti Irani attacked the I.N.D.I.A bloc, stating that that they are "hugging in Delhi, begging in Kerala and thugging in Karnataka."

The minister, who is currently attending rallies in parts of south India ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, was speaking at an interactive meeting with businessmen in the city on Friday after arriving from Mangaluru.

"Some issues are going on in Wayanad with (Congress leader) Rahul Gandhi's recent nomination. The Left is unhappy with him contesting from the south and has questioned as to why he is not contesting from Uttar Pradesh. However, when the same Left members go to Delhi they are seen hugging him. It has come to this now, hugging in Delhi, begging in Kerala and thugging in Karnataka," she said adding that all these should not be encouraged and urged voters to support the BJP.

While the minister had several interactions planned in the city with students, media representatives and citizen activist groups, the interaction with the businessmen was the only one that came to fruition. Members from her team said the events were cancelled as the Returning Officers (ROs) did not give permissions in some instances while for some interactions they were withdrawn by the team itself.

Addressing women in the late evening gathering, she said women should focus on serious political issues and let go of daily soaps. "I request women that if they want to be taken seriously in politics then they should focus on serious issues. Daily soaps are far away from reality. Only those women who take politics seriously will be able to climb up the social and political ladder." She added that voting and deciding who you should vote for is a matter of great importance and not "a play of TV serials."

The minister also attacked the Opposition over their manifesto, released on Friday, alleging that they plan on restoring Article 370 if they come to power. Smriti also alleged that despite the government banning the People's Front of India (PFI) under the UAPA Act, Rahul Gandhi is accepting support from the organisation. "This is the condition of Congress now that they have to take support from terrorist organisations to win elections," she said.

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JP Nadda, BJP chief

Parliamentary constituencies with highest poll percentage

	STATE	YEAR	RANK
91.77 Nagaland	Nagaland	2004	1
90.66 Dhubri	Assam	2019	2
90.32 Tamluk	West Bengal	2009	3
89.99 Nagaland	Nagaland	2009	4
89.97 Kanthi	West Bengal	2009	5
89.88 Panskura	West Bengal	1996	6
89.80 Tamluk	West Bengal	1996	7
89.56 Cooch Behar	West Bengal	1996	8
89.20 Basirhat	West Bengal	1996	9
89.04 Barpeta	Assam	1984-85	10

Poll%

THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

The EC has said that it has identified 266 Lok Sabha seats, including 215 in rural areas, having low voter turnout in the previous elections and asked officials to make targeted interventions to improve participation in the upcoming polls. This newspaper takes a look at the highest and lowest poll percentages in history.

Parliamentary constituencies with lowest poll percentage

RANK	STATE	YEAR		
1	J&K	1989	Anantnag	5.07
2	J&K	1989	Baramulla	5.48
3	J&K	2019	Anantnag	8.98
4	Punjab	1991-92	Tarn Taran	9.50
5	Punjab	1991-92	Sangrur	10.90
6	J&K	1999	Srinagar	11.93
7	Odisha	1962	Bhanjanagar	12.04
8	Odisha	1962	Koraput	12.17
9	Odisha	1962	Phulbani	13.92
10	Punjab	1991-92	Bathinda	13.92

Poll%

(Source: Election Commission of India, Compiled by Jitendra Choubey)

BJP'S ROYAL CHALLENGERS

Over 10 descendants of erstwhile royal families named as candidates

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP has fielded over 10 descendants of erstwhile royal families in the Lok Sabha elections, some of whom are making their political debut.

The BJP has picked 'Rajmata' Amrita Roy of the erstwhile Krishnanagar royal family to take on Mohua Moitra of the Trinamool Congress in the Krishnanagar constituency in West Bengal. Moitra was expelled as an MP over the cash-for-query case, and is facing a CBI investigation in the case.

Amrita Roy, who is making her political debut, belongs to the 18th-century Raja Krishnachandra Roy's family of Nadia. Roy has credited Raja Krishnachandra Roy with saving Sanatana Dharma and the Bengali language by siding with the British against Nawab Siraj-ud Daula during the Battle of Plassey in 1757.

As per available records, Krishnachandra Roy was a zamindar (landlord) and raja (king) from 1728 to 1782. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a recent telephonic conversation, lauded Amrita Roy's commitment to fighting corruption and the royal family's contributions towards social reforms.

"The BJP maintains equality with everyone, whether a film star or a simple worker or former queen and king. We have made many members of 'shahi parivar' party candidates for the Lok Sabha elections," said a senior functionary of the BJP.

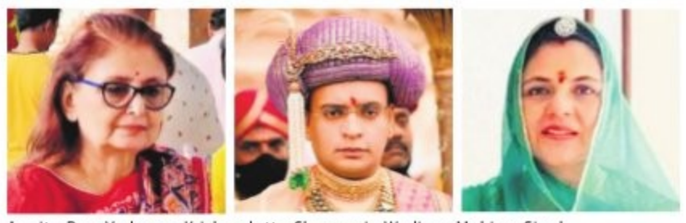
Five of the candidates from the former royal families are contesting polls for the first time. "Members of royal families participating in politics is not new in Indian politics. But what catches the attention this time is that the BJP has emerged as the first choice for a majority of them," a party leader said.

The BJP has fielded Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar from Mysore Lok Sabha seat, replacing incumbent MP Pratap Simha. It was on Simha's visitor pass, some intruders had got access to the Parliament in December 2023.

Wadiyar's maternal granduncle Srikantadatta Narsimharaja Wadiyar — who was elected on a Congress ticket from Mysore in 1984, 1989, 1996 and 1999 — died in 2013 without leaving an heir. Yaduveer was then adopted and declared the titular head of the erstwhile Mysore throne in 2015.

From the East Tripura Lok Sabha seat, the BJP has fielded Maharani Kriti Singh Debbarma, who hails from Manikya dynasty of Tripura, in place of incumbent MP Revati Verma.

In Odisha, the BJP has fielded Malavika Keshari Deo and Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo, belonging to the erstwhile Kalahandi and Patnagarh-Bolangir princely states, respectively.



Amrita Rao, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Mahima Singh

Preneet Kaur, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Kriti Singh Debbarma

Party emerges as first choice for royalty

Members of royal families participating in politics is not new in Indian politics. But what catches the attention this time is that the BJP has emerged as the first choice for a majority of them, said a leader

The BJP has also fielded Mahima Singh, married into the royal family of Mewar. She is contesting from Rajsamand Lok Sabha seat in Rajasthan. In the desert state, the BJP has also fielded Dushyant Singh, son of former Rajasthan chief minister and senior BJP leader Vasundhara Raje, a member of the erstwhile Scindia royal family of Gwalior. Dushyant is contesting from Jhalawar-Baran, from where he was elected as a BJP MP four times.

Preneet Kaur, now contesting from Patiala Lok Sabha seat on the BJP ticket, also belongs to the Patiala royal family, while Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, contesting from Guna constituency in Madhya Pradesh now, is also the senior member of royal Gwalior family. He is also called 'maharaja' (king) of Gwalior and is contesting the general elections for the first time on the BJP ticket.

The party's candidate from Guna in Madhya Pradesh is another Scindia dynast and a Congress-turned BJP leader Jyotiraditya Scindia. In 2019, Scindia, then contesting on a Congress ticket, had lost from Guna to a former aide who had crossed over to the BJP. He is currently a Rajya Sabha MP.

The BJP's candidate from Patiala is Preneet Kaur, the wife of former chief minister Amarinder Singh, who belongs to the erstwhile royal family of Patiala. "The BJP has fielded many others who owe direct or indirect lineage with several erstwhile royal families," a party leader said.

ELECTION2024

Ex-Sandeshkhali MLA gets ticket

The Left Front on Friday nominated former Sandeshkhali MLA Nirapada Sardar as the CPM candidate from the Basirhat Lok Sabha constituency in West Bengal, while the party's Pratik Ur Rahaman will take on TMC's Abhishek Banerjee in Diamond Harbour. Releasing another list of front candidates for the Lok Sabha elections, LF chairman Biman Bose also announced its nominees for three more constituencies, taking the total number to 28.

Didi govt reminds guv of his roles

In a new twist to the ongoing spat between West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose and education minister Bratya Basu, the state government on Friday sent a nine-page letter to Bose reminding him of his constitutional obligations and duties. The letter reminds him that removal or appointment of any minister in the state lies with the Chief Minister. It says the Governor cannot recommend removal of any minister.

'Sudhir Sharma kingpin of rebels'

After getting a defamation notice from former Congress MLA Sudhir Sharma, Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday dubbed the now-BJP leader as the kingpin of 'rebel' leaders. Sukhu alleged that Sharma must have got more than ₹15 crore for joining BJP. Sharma had sent a defamation notice to Sukhu over his remarks that the six Congress 'rebels' and three independents were 'sold' for ₹15 crore each.

UTTAR PRADESH

Neither wife nor son, Brij Bhushan firm on Kaiserganj poll arena

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

WHILE the suspense over a dozen seats of Uttar Pradesh, including Kaiserganj, continues as the BJP is yet to announce its candidates, the sitting tainted MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh is believed to be adamant about contesting from Kaiserganj himself.

Notably, Singh has been facing legal proceedings in connection with the alleged sexual exploitation of female wrestlers while being the president of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).

He was removed from the post following prolonged protests by the wrestlers in New Delhi last year. As per sources, owing to the taint, while the ruling party had given him the options of fielding the candidate of his choice — either his wife Ketaki Singh or son Prateek Bhushan Singh — from Kaiserganj, even after several rounds of talks, the sitting MP does not seem to be ready to budge and is pushing for his own candidature.

However, the final call will be of the central leadership of the BJP. Not only the central leadership but also the state unit of BJP feels that facing the allegations of sexual exploitation of female wrestlers, Singh's candidature would give ammunition to the Opposition to target the ruling alliance in the field.

The BJP insiders claim that the state unit of the party has already sent its report to the central leadership regarding the 12 seats on which the candidates have to be announced. It is expected that the list for these 12 seats will be released before April 10.

Of the 12 seats, including Rae Bareli, Deoria, Kaiserganj, Prayagraj, Kaushambi, Ghazipur, Ballia, Phulpur, Firozabad, Mainpuri, Bhadohi and Machhlishahar, on which the candidates are yet to be announced, BJP had lost three — Mainpuri, Rae Bareli and Ghazipur — winning the rest nine in the 2019 elections. According to party sources, the nine sitting MPs may be changed in the ensuing elections.

The BJP is also waiting for the Congress to announce its candidate in Rae Bareli. The party will assess the situation and then move ahead with its choice of candidates, which include MLC Dinesh Pratap Singh, who had contested against Sonia Gandhi in 2019.

Given option to field candidature of choice

Owing to the legal proceedings related to sexual harassment of female wrestlers, the BJP had given Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh the options of fielding the candidate of his choice — either his wife Ketaki Singh or son Prateek Bhushan Singh — from Kaiserganj. Even after several rounds of talks, the sitting MP does not seem to be ready to budge and is pushing for his own candidature from the seat.

Yogi shares stage with Jayant in Baghpat

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath shared the dais with Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Jayant Chaudhury in Baghpat on Friday and struck a chord with people in the Jat-dominated constituency by paying rich tributes to former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Chaudhary Charan Singh.

Addressing the Vijay Shankhnaad Rally in Baghpat, Adityanath expressed his fortune in visiting "the sacred land of Bharat Mata's great son" and former PM Chaudhary Charan Singh. Claiming that the conferment of Bharat Ratna on Singh is a fitting tribute to the farming community of the country, Adityanath extended gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whom he claimed had paid attention to the values and ideals of Singh and made the issues of farmers part of the political agenda, implementing welfare schemes for their benefit.

The CM sought votes for Rajkumaar Sangwan, the RLD member contesting from Baghpat, the pocket borough of Singh, as the NDA candidate.

Addressing the rally, RLD chief Jayant Chaudhury recalled his father and former Union Minister Chaudhary Ajit Singh, claiming that having learned to make significant decisions from his father, he decided to be a part of the NDA and contribute to the growth story of the country.

"We are fighting with the BJP. This is a shared fight and a shared stage. The senior BJP leaders and party workers are putting in a lot of hard work. At this stage, we have come together to fight for our nation. We have the chance to advance PM Modi's slogans and work. He (Modi) is seeking a historic third-time mandate from the people; every day he goes to some corner of the country, appeals to people, works hard. The outcome of hard work is always sweet," said the RLD chief.

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath speaks at the rally in Baghpat on Friday | x

Later, the CM addressed a public rally in Barauli in Aligarh, organised to seek votes for BJP candidate and sitting MP Satish Gautam. At the rally, he emphasised that living life with the ethos of Lord Ram is paramount and that every task is accomplished by invoking his name. Adityanath also launched a blistering attack on the Opposition bloc over farmers' issues and the law and order situation.

The CM asserted that the BJP-led government had not only consecrated Lord Ram in his abode but also ensured the final journey (Ram Naam Satya hain) of all those who posed a threat to the safety and security of women and traders in the state. He also highlighted the accomplishments of Modi's decade-long tenure.

This is a shared fight and a shared stage. The senior BJP leaders and party workers are putting in a lot of hard work. At this stage, we have come together to fight for our nation — Jayant Chaudhury, RLD chief

FORMER CM

Reclaim grounds lost to BJP at 'nat'l, state, grassroots levels': Rawat to Cong

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

VETERAN Congress leader and former Uttarakhand chief minister Harish Rawat on Friday urged his partymen to work towards reclaiming the position lost to the BJP at the "national, state and grassroots" levels.

"The BJP has effectively replaced us not only at the national and state levels but also at the grassroots, within our villages and local communities. Unless we reclaim our positions there, how can we assert ourselves as the true leaders of our regions?" he said.

With only two weeks remaining for the first phase of Lok Sabha elections in Uttarakhand, Rawat raised concerns about his party in an analytical statement. Expressing concern at the developments, he said that the BJP has surpassed the Congress at every level.

He also launched a scathing attack on his former colleagues who defected from the Congress to join the BJP. Without explicitly naming them, he chastised his former associates on social media. When approached by this newspaper for his response, Rawat remarked lightheartedly, "You are intelligent, decipher the message I have conveyed on Facebook."

On Thursday, Rawat took to his Facebook page to share a cryptic post. In the post, he wrote, "Bin kahhe raha na jaye," implying that the media is questioning why some of his close friends, who have been generously rewarded, are now departing in unison.

The ex-CM wrote in response, "I said there are always some reasons behind everyone's anger. Some people are upset because during my tenure they had taken an 'advance' to appoint an SDM as an ADM".

"A 'revered' individual is upset because I refused to transfer some assets of Swargashram Rishikesh in the name of their organisation," his post read.

On shaky grounds

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GUJARAT

BJP in a bind over Rajkot amid Kshatriya resistance

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE BJP is facing a dilemma over the Rajkot Lok Sabha seat in Gujarat, amidst protests from Kshatriyas against BJP candidate Parshottam Rupala's remarks, while the Patidar community supports him, Rajkot was adorned with banners and placards supporting Rupala on Thursday night.

The BJP is in a tight spot: yielding to Kshatriya pressure by replacing Rupala might provoke the Patidar community, which holds sway over 10 out of Gujarat's 26 LS seats, a scenario the BJP wishes to avoid.

According to sources, despite extensive protests from the Kshatriya community lasting over a week against Rajkot BJP candidate Parshottam Rupala, it is unlikely that the BJP will change its candidate.

The fear is that such a move could spark inter-caste tensions, particularly if the Patidar community turns against the BJP, potentially resulting in losses for the party in the Lok Sabha. The significance of this lies in the BJP's significant setback in 2017 when the Patidar reservation movement led to the party winning only 99 out of 182 assembly seats.

The Patidar community holds substantial political influence in Gujarat, with an estimated dominance over 40 Assembly seats and more than seven Lok Sabha seats. Some community leaders even assert their dominance in over 50 Assembly and more than 10 Lok Sabha seats. Representing about 18 percent of Gujarat's population, the Patidar community's support is crucial for political parties seeking success in the state.

EDITORIAL

"Who am I before M S Subbulakshmi? A mere prime minister before the queen of song" — Jawaharlal Nehru

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— Ramnath Goenka

PLAN AGAINST WEATHER SHOCKS ON FOOD PRICES

THE Reserve Bank on Friday sounded dovish over falling prices and rising GDP, but maintained that its fight over persistent inflation remains unfinished. While confirming that the inflation 'elephant' was returning back to the forest (read, easing inflation), RBI governor Shaktikanta Das delivered both good and bad news. Even if the quarter-wise inflation estimates were revised lower, the central bank pegged the headline inflation for 2024-25 at 4.5 percent—0.5 percentage point above the annual target. What's upsetting is that just one quarter, Q2, is expected to see inflation printing below the target at 3.8 percent, while the remaining three quarters will likely see higher prints. Unlike price rise that happens fast and in a straight line, disinflation, as we are seeing now, is rather slow and not diagonal. This perhaps explains why the RBI is being extra careful in maintaining status quo not just on rates, but also on its policy stance.

One of the key factors interrupting the inflation outlook is food prices, which remained volatile through the second half of 2023-24. If the last mile of disinflation turns out to be protracted, as the RBI noted, interest rates may remain higher for longer, which in turn could upset growth. If erratic rainfall and deficient soil moisture hindered the rabi crop sowing, water reservoir levels and other climatic factors are now imparting uncertainty to the food price outlook. Much like rainfall, summer temperatures are posing challenges for monetary policy with the national weather office predicting above-normal temperatures and heat waves. Such a prospect imparts an upside risk to food inflation and could raise headline inflation by about 1 percentage point over the baseline. Hence, the government should load up on buffer stocks to ease the anticipated inflationary pressures.

As for growth, buoyed by domestic demand, India remains the fastest growing major economy and is well on its way to clock 7 percent for the third consecutive year. Though the 2023-24 growth is pegged at 7.6 percent, it is not broad-based, as the two main engines of consumption and investment are not running full-steam. However, for the future, the government's capex push, upbeat business and consumer sentiments, and strong corporate and bank balance sheets should come in handy. That said, global oil prices, other external factors, rising trade distortions and geo-economic fragmentation could weigh on trade and growth.

JUSTICE DELAYED AND DENIED IN RIYAS CASE

IT has been seven years since Riyas Maulavi, a young madrassa teacher, was murdered in the communally-sensitive Kasaragod in Kerala. But justice continued to elude his family as a local court recently acquitted the three RSS workers arraigned as accused in the case. The much-delayed verdict amounts to injustice on two counts. One, the question of who killed the 27-year-old remains unanswered and those behind it seem to have gotten away with murder. Two, the three accused—aged 19, 20 and 25 at the time of their arrest—if indeed not guilty, have been made to spend seven years in jail for no reason. The case points to either a shoddy investigation or the prosecution's failure to convince the court of the culpability of the accused with the available evidence.

Riyas was killed on the night of March 20, 2017 in his room attached to the mosque where he taught. He was stabbed 14 times and left to die. With the incident assuming communal and political overtones, the police were under immense pressure to crack the case. The three suspects were apprehended within three days and the charges filed within 90 days. However, the trial took long and the case came up before eight judges. Finally, the court acquitted the accused saying the prosecution failed to prove motive and pointed out lapses in the investigation. The police theory was that the accused nurtured hatred towards Muslims and committed the crime with the sole intention of disturbing communal harmony, which, the court said, the prosecution failed to prove.

On its part, the state government has filed an appeal against the acquittal before the Kerala High Court, submitting that conclusive evidence, including scientific proof, was discarded by the trial court. The verdict indicates that the investigation, probably conducted in a hurry due to political pressure, may have been botched. If that is indeed the case, an appeal in a higher court may not lead to the conviction of the accused. The government must review the case, conduct a reinvestigation if necessary, plug the loopholes, and proceed with the intention of punishing those responsible. Going for a hurried appeal to score a political point in the election season may not serve the purpose, or may even prove to be counter-productive. What is important is delivering justice for the family of Riyas.

QUICK TAKE

SETTING GROUND RULES

PREMIER League club Fulham made a splash last week when they unveiled plans for a new stand at their Craven Cottage ground that would have a brasserie, a bar and a three-tier 'sky deck' with a rooftop swimming pool. Rich clubs offering unique in-stadium experiences isn't new. Manchester City have a restaurant with a glass wall that looks on to the players' tunnel; Real Madrid are planning a nightclub at Bernabeu. Indian clubs—both in the IPL and ISL—can start with the basics. Clean toilets, access for the differently-abled and lifts for the elderly would go a long way in getting more fans to the stadium.

Gender justice is often the foundation on which arguments for a uniform civil code are mounted. But the recent Uttarakhand law actually hinders it

A CODE NEITHER CONSIDERATE NOR REFORMIST

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THE Uttarakhand state's draft of a uniform civil code gained presidential ascent and became a law recently. While the Act significantly resembles the Hindu Marriage Act, its few new additions raise serious concerns. More than gender equality, the Act addresses the popular and damaging sentiment that 'at least something is done'. The idea that something is better than nothing promotes carelessness and hides negligent drafting. In a bid to 'get things done', we end up with a law that embodies the discrimination it was ostensibly meant to address.

Here, I limit my critique to three brief points. One, the dealing of Muslim personal law. Second, its understanding of live-in relationships, and, relatedly, its contribution to gender equality.

The Act places undue emphasis on the supposed disabilities created by Muslim personal law. In some sense, Muslim personal law is offered as bait to prompt state intervention, and significant media attention is deployed to highlight its obscurantism. Practices like *nikah halala*, which were neither common nor legal, often end up in petitions before courts. Often dismissed and rarely made by the victims, they serve the purpose of stirring up a conversation about Muslim personal law rather than looking at the specificities of the case, where there is usually an individual criminal operating without religious sanction. A reasonable comparison would be to blame Hindu personal law for an individual case of sati—a practice already banned, criminalised and, in popular imagination, no longer associated with the Hindu way of life. Bigamy becomes another argument over which Muslim personal law is brought to focus, although any conversation over polyamorous practices in other religions are treated as occurring rarely but illegal.

The code grants exemptions to tribal groups that constitute around 3 percent of state population. Focusing on tribal exceptions is important precisely as it offers a valid and significant argument against uniformity. Where the Northeast region is involved, it is even more convenient to turn a blind eye as it lays bare the true antagonism between federalism and uniformity. It highlights that discrimination, not difference, must be the basis for reform.

Gender justice is often the foundation on which many arguments for uniformity are mounted. Many aspects of the current Act not only fail to promote gender justice, but they actively hinder it. Provisions in the Special Marriage Act like the 30-day notice period already encourage surveillance and local procedures such as seeking on affidavit a 'no objection' before parties register their marriage have also emerged. The UCC Act takes it a step further, seeking even live-in couples register their relationship. The code not only retains restitution of conjugal rights, a colonial inheritance that forces couples into cohabitation even when its accompanied by discrimination or violence, but also leaves intact the marital rape exception and maintains different ages of marriage for men and women.

In other words, Uttarakhand is extremely keen to keep couples together whether married or otherwise, but not necessarily address the violence or inequality within marriage. It encourages an alliance that is heterosexual and intra-religious, where men are older than their wives.

This sentiment of surveilling love is a common one frequently deployed in courts and codes. The Gujarat government in mid-2023 considered including a mandatory parental consent in all love marriages to be registered in the state. This is not new and even the 1954 debates on the Special Marriage Act witnessed speeches where it was treated as a way to contain the 'rebels'. Multiple anecdotes were cited to forward the argument that the fate of inter-religious marriages was to end in doom. Nevertheless, the Act became an enabling piece of legislation that only stands to be undone by laws proposed by Uttarakhand's UCC.

On occasions where live-in relationships have remained consistent for a long time, the Supreme Court judgement in the case of *Dhannu Lal vs Ganeshram* in 2015 already offers such couples protection, treating their relationship as marriage. And this assessment of whether a live-in relationship is like a marriage is done on a case-to-case basis. The Uttarakhand law has introduced punitive action for not registering a live-in relationship (within a month), which shows the extent to which it is divorced from contemporary context where such relationships occur precisely because couples may not feel ready for marriage. In response to being questioned on the unreasonableness in the provisions, a member from the Committee responded saying if couples are in live-in relationships, 'then own it'. If one were to enter multiple such relationships and register them or 'own them' each time, would the state guarantee such records would 'protect' women and not perpetuate social stigma against multiple relationships? Would it also guarantee these records could remain private? Would it also guarantee multiple registrations made by individuals with different people would not invite police harassment? Would every breakup between a couple need adjudication by state authorities? The stigma of multiple relationships would disproportionately affect women.

It is well established that heterosexual marriages are often premised upon compromises women make in their lives as many leave the workforce, others are disproportionately burdened with childcare or elderly care. In making live-in relationships akin to marriage, we end up also reinforcing gender stereotypes that married women have battled. Living together without marrying avoids some of the trappings of marriage, like having to build a relationship with in-laws who could be conservative, more firmly of the belief that their children should marry people of their own faith, or could have expectations for children. But registration of a live-in relationship would make negotiations between two people now subject to public scrutiny and parental intervention.

Although it may entail significantly more effort, codifying personal laws separately may ensure greater compliance by religious communities and also accommodate for regional differences. To say that one sort of difference is acceptable (tribal) and even worth preserving while any other kind (religious) is perpetuating inequality shows the biased premise on which the argument for uniformity is mounted.

By enacting a legislation in the name of 'taking action', the state claims credit; but in the process, social movements lose momentum and the original demand for reform remains entirely unaddressed. Therefore, there is more harm done through such interventions that are not benign steps towards progress they are made out to be.

(Views are personal)

CARNATIC CROSSFIRE: SOCIAL BHAKTI vs MUSICAL SHAKTI

MADHAVAN NARAYANAN — Senior journalist

REVERSE SWING

AS the crow flies, the predominantly Tamil Brahmin Chennai locality of Mylapore is only a mile or so from Alwarpet, an equally predominant TamBrahm area. Or, should one say 'unequally' predominant? In that lie the social nuances of the current controversy in Carnatic music.

Thodur Madabusi Krishna being awarded the title of Sangita Kalanidhi, the highest honour in Carnatic music, has so many dimensions it reminds one of *Rashomon*, the Akira Kurasawa film in which everyone appears right in their version of the truth. Krishna is getting extra marks because he stands for the in-vogue DEI (diversity equity inclusion) value system.

The challenge thrown by the Ranjani-Gayatri sister duo, who criticised the mighty gents of the Madras Music Academy, is stuff of both literature and pulp. You have caste, politics, diversity, musical excellence, aspirations, life goals and culture coming together for an epic conflict, like two ragas getting mixed up in a concert.

I wonder whom to take inspiration from on this: my great grandfather, who once argued for and against the TamBrahm practice of *sandhya vandhanam* (twilight ritual) to show his debating skills, or his composer brother-in-law (ergo, my great-grand-uncle), who won the Sangita Kalanidhi in 1940. Either way, I don't fancy Carnatic music itself facing the music.

Both Krishna and RaGa are cult figures in the Carnatic world. Their conflict also echoes the current state of national politics, in which those who speak for social justice are pitted against those for whom culture, tradition and religious devotion are paramount. Caste makes it all so quirky, because, as Krishna notes, there are invisible screens that block those other than Brahmins from breaking into the upper echelons of the classical world dominated by a clutch of male-dominated sabhas, whose roads lead to the Music Academy, the Vatican of the Carnatic church.

Krishna has broken norms. He has, on occasion, avoided the December season concert, mouthed lyrics in honour of anti-Brahmin ideologue Periyar, and sung in Arabic in praise of Allah while sporting a skullcap, besides conducting a music festival in a slum. Periyar's well-documented rants against Brahmins are such that the RaGa duo has some evidence-based case against Krishna's ideological zeal. But Krishna unquestionably excels as a musician and historian of theory and practice, and deserves the honour.

The Music Academy has a double identity, one of unwritten Brahmin dominance in composition and as a centre of musical excellence. Things get complicated when a term like 'culture' gets attached. Culture is viewed by the average Jagannathan or Janaki as a combo pack that includes Carnatic music, higher education, vegetarian food, pursuit of excellence in a white-collar career, and respect for traditions and elders. Oh, add some cricket connection, too.

MADRAS MUSIC ACADEMY

> TMK is a grand-nephew of TTK, whose family has historically been a key force in the Madras Music Academy, which is located on TTK Road. As an *avant-garde* liberal among Alwarpet Brahmins, TMK is challenging social rules; by questioning the Alwarpet elite's dominance, the RaGa duo are being reverse-swing radicals

Carnatic music's acknowledged goal is to express devotion to god (*bhakti*) to seek union with the infinite (*mukti*). The methodical form has lent itself to film music, jazz and world music, but its core remains devotion. The *bhakti* tribe is not usually conscious of its historic privileges. TamBrahms can be economically poor, yet pay to learn classical music, because it is their culture. Contemporary political correctness is usually not part of this baggage.

Thanks to a new affluence spawned by economic growth, rewards for higher education, and the boom in IT, younger TamBrahms who would have been singing a *kriti* while working as humble accountants are now ambitious and increasingly tilted towards a resurgent Hindu nationalism. Singers now fly to Cleveland, where an annual Thyagaraja festival is part of a new, hip TamBrahmdom.

One tweet shared by RaGa described them as a modest duo that travelled from Matunga in Mumbai to Mylapore, where humbler Brahmins live, and contrasted them with the privileged elite of Alwarpet, whose prime road is named after industrialist T T Krishnamachari or TTK, who served as India's finance minister. TMK is a grand-nephew of TTK, whose family has historically been a key force in the Music Academy, which is located on TTK Road.

The Academy has a strong tradition of respect for talent and an awesome archival system that makes it a mini university. But its awards can get arbitrary. While TMK says breaking of the caste barrier is rare in the Carnatic world, Sangita Kalanidhi awardees include Sheik Chinna Moulana, a Muslim nadaswaram player. Some nadaswaram players from the Pillai caste have figured on the long list since the 1930s, but a prominent Pillai vocalist like Madurai Somasundaram never won the accolade.

In some ways, the controversy in Chennai is strikingly similar to that at Harvard University, where the faculty's pursuit of excellence has been shaken by a push for diversity. It's not for nothing that the elite of Harvard's city were once called Boston Brahmins.

As an *avant-garde* liberal among Alwarpet Brahmins, the Magsaysay-award-winning TMK is challenging social rules. By questioning the Alwarpet elite's traditional dominance, RaGa are being reverse-swing radicals challenging the Academy select after striving long to be blessed by them. If the TNK vs RaGa tale strikes discordant notes, it's between the streets of Mylapore and Alwarpet.

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MAILBAG

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Help fishermen

Ref: *Keep politics aside, address Tamil fishermen's issues* (Apr 5). The fishermen's problems have nothing to do with Katchatheevu. Sri Lankan laws prohibit the damaging practice of bottom trawling in Palk Strait. Both the Centre and TN government should help our fisherfolk switch over to deep-sea fishing. Losses suffered by them can be compensated by raising subsidies.
NA Joseph, Ettumanoor

Doorstep service

Ref: *TDP scores self-goal on ward volunteers* (Apr 5). Non-receipt of pensions at doorsteps will certainly act as a deterrent against opposition parties in the Andhra state elections. The opposition, instead of aiming at disallowing volunteers, should have appealed to the EC to disburse pension by state government employees at pensioners' doorsteps from the beginning.
Katuru Durga Prasad Rao, Hyderabad

Amethi choice

Ref: *Vadra itching for Amethi ticket. Is Cong listening?* (Apr 5). At a time when the Congress party is in a big dilemma due to the mass exodus of its loyalists to the BJP one after another, nominating Robert Vadra to contest from Amethi can only add fuel to the fire in the rank and file as Vadra has neither a political background nor the experience.
Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Model violation

The central government has brazenly used Doordarshan to telecast the controversial cinema, *The Kerala Story*, which callously portrays a particular community in bad light, in order to polarise society and garner votes. This is in violation of the model code. The concerned minister should be charged by the EC.
P H Hema Sagar, Secunderabad

Sandeshkhali hearing

Ref: *Shame if even 1 victim's affidavit is true: Cal HC* (Apr 5). The Calcutta High Court made a scathing remark on West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee as it heard affidavits from victims in Sandeshkhali ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. The unreported and dark deeds of the TMC are hogging the limelight now.
S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

Women's votes

Ref: *Surjewala's Hema Malini remarks 'vile, sexist': BJP* (Apr 5). Randeep Surjewala is known for his controversial comments, but this one was demeaning and derogatory, not just for Mathura MP Hema Malini but for womankind as a whole. This may cost the party women's votes in the coming elections.
Jayanthi Ramani, Trichy

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Shivraj Singh Chouhan @ChouhanShivraj
The parties of the INDIA alliance are fighting among themselves. They have neither a leader nor a policy nor an intention. Neither their hearts, nor their thoughts are one.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
This is the arrogance of BJP, who are forcing the leader of their own alliance party to bow down and apologise, this is the height of humiliation.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Congress's 'Judgment Letter' is the voice of the nation! This is a document of India's aspirations, which was created by the people and written by us.

Anil Masih tenders apology in SC

Former returning officer for Chandigarh mayoral poll allegedly defaced eight ballot papers

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

ANIL Masih, the former returning officer in the Chandigarh mayoral polls, on Friday tendered an unconditional apology before the Supreme Court in connection with his alleged role in defacing eight ballot papers.

"We have tendered an unconditional apology in the matter. He (Masih) will withdraw the first affidavit and surrender to the magnanimity of this court. This is an unconditional apology," Mukul Rohatgi, senior lawyer and former Attorney General (AG) of India, appearing for Masih, told the three-judge bench of the top court led by the CJI D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

Masih came under the Supreme Court scanner for allegedly defacing eight ballots in the Chandigarh mayoral polls and it slammed him for his misconduct. After going through the unconditional apology of Masih, the top court noted it into record and fixed the matter for further hearing in the second week of July.

On February 20, the top court in its order quashed the election result declared by Masih and ordered the AAP candidate Kuldeep Kumar to be the winner of the mayoral polls.

The Supreme Court, while issuing show cause notice to Masih, had observed that he had deliberately defaced ballots voted in favour of Aam Aadmi Party's Kuldeep Kumar.

While allowing Kumar's appeal, the CJI said it is evident that the Presiding Officer has made a deliberate attempt to deface eight ballots which were cast in favour of the petitioner so that the eighth respondent (Manoj Sonkar of BJP) will be declared as the elected candidate.

The apex court also in its order slammed Masih for his misconduct in the case, and noted that democracy was thwarted at the grassroots, that too, by misusing the office of the Returning Officer to change the course of the mayoral election results.

The apex court in its order had said that the conduct of Masih, has to be deprecated.

The councillor of the defeated AAP leader Kumar had knocked the doors of the Supreme Court on February 1, challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court order refusing to grant any interim relief to the party seeking fresh mayoral polls in Chandigarh.

BJP's Manoj Sonkar was elected as the Mayor on January 30, after he bagged 16 votes against the 12 votes received by the Congress-AAP candidate Kumar. Kumar, a candidate for the mayor's post had lost the polls alleging that the BJP won the election after one-fourth of the votes were scrapped.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Plea junked for bringing mortal remains of saint

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea seeking a direction to the Centre to bring the mortal remains of an India-born Pakistani Sufi saint, who died in Bangladesh in 2022, for re-burial in Prayagraj to honour his wish. The plea referred to the will executed by Hazrat Shah Muhammad Abdul Muqtadir Shah Masood Ahmad, a former native of Allahabad, now Prayagraj, who acquired Pakistani citizenship in 1992, that his mortal remains be interred at the Dargah in the UP city which he presided over. "He was a Pakistani citizen. How can you expect the Union of India to bring his mortal remains for re-burial in India. There is no such right whose enforcement can be sought," the top court said while rejecting the plea filed by Dargah Hazrat Mulla Syed of Prayagraj.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **Jan 30:** BJP's Manoj Sonkar elected as Mayor of Chandigarh, after he wins 16 votes against 12 by his rival Congress-AAP candidate, Kuldeep Kumar
- **Jan 31:** Punjab and Haryana High Court refuses stay on Chandigarh mayoral polls, on hearing Kumar's plea
- **Feb 1:** Defeated AAP councillor, Kumar moves SC after Punjab & Haryana HC refuses stay on Chandigarh mayoral polls
- **Feb 2:** SC agrees to hear Kumar's plea, without giving any date
- **Feb 4:** Top court lists for hearing Kumar's plea for February 5
- **Feb 5:** SC slams Returning Officer Anil Masih and says he should be prosecuted as he can be clearly seen defacing the ballot papers on video footage to influence the election results
- **Feb 19:** SC slams Masih, seeks ballot papers and video of counting day
- **Feb 20:** SC orders AAP candidate Kumar as Chandigarh mayor and nullifies the decision of Masih

Leh 'border march': Sec 144 imposed, net speed reduced

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Ladakh Union Territory has imposed Security 144 in Leh district and ordered reduction in speed of mobile internet to 2G ahead of April 7 "Border March" called by Leh Apex Body (LAB) and climate activist **Sonam Wangchuk**.

District Magistrate Leh, Santosh Sukhdeva in an order on Friday imposed Section 144 of CrPc 1973 in Leh district of Ladakh.

He cited reported reliable police inputs of apprehension of breach of peace and public tranquillity in the district.

He said that no procession, rally or march shall be taken out without prior approval from the District Magistrate Leh, in writing. "None should use vehicles mounted or other loudspeakers without prior approval from the authority. No public gathering without the prior approval of the competent authority shall be allowed," read the order. It, however, warned that any violation of the order shall invite punitive action under Section 188 of IPC.

The Leh administration also decided to temporarily reduce speech on mobile internet to 2G level. "Effective immediately, mobile data services including 3G, 4G, 5G, and Public Wi-Fi facilities for 5G will be scaled down to 2G in Leh. The reduction in internet speed will remain in effect from 1800 hours on 06-04-2024 to 1800 hours on 07.04.2024," read the order issued by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Ladakh, Shiv Darshan Singh.

Two militants killed in Kashmir's Uri sector, infiltration bid foiled

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Army on Friday killed two militants and foiled an infiltration attempt in Jammu and Kashmir's Uri sector, officials said.

An army official said troops noticed suspicious movement along the Line of Control (LoC) at Sabura Nala Rustam in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

"The intruders were detected and signalled to stop. However, they fired on the troops, which was retaliated," he said.

In the gunfight, two militants have been killed, the army official said.

He said two AK-47 rifles, and four hand grenades were recovered from the encounter site.

Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, V K Birdi said two intruders were killed in the gunfight and the body of one was retrieved.

Sources said security men suspect that two-three militants had attempted to sneak into this side of J&K and of them two were killed.

"Massive search operation in the area has been launched. The Army is using helicopters and drones during the search operation," they said.

It was the first infiltration attempt by militants from across the border on the LoC in north Kashmir this year so far.

The infiltration routes close at the LoC close due to heavy snowfall during the winters, making it near impossible for militants to sneak into this side of LoC.

Cong manifesto is a bundle of false claims and promises, says BJP

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Congress election manifesto has sparked satirical jabs from the ruling BJP in response to alleged inaccuracies in its visuals. One image, purportedly from Thailand, and another from the Buffalo River in New York, featured in Congress's manifesto, drew ridicule from BJP's Amit Malviya, questioning Congress's patriotism and leader Rahul Gandhi's intentions.

Meanwhile, the BJP condemned Congress's manifesto as a "bundle of lies," highlighting unfulfilled promises from previous elections despite decades in power. Sudhanshu Trivedi, BJP spokesperson, accused Congress of attempting to mislead voters and mocked their promises as a futile attempt to regain power.

Union Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** dismissed Congress's manifesto as deceitful, emphasising that only 'Modi's Guarantee' holds credibility in India today. He criticized Congress's track record of betrayal and questioned

their moral authority to talk about justice, given their historical shortcomings.

Thakur highlighted BJP's fulfilment of promises, contrasting it with Congress's failure to deliver. He cited BJP's successful actions such as the removal of Articles 370 and 35 in Jammu and Kashmir and the construction of Ram temple. He also ridiculed Congress' claims of democracy being in danger under BJP rule, pointing out democratic exercises like panchayat polls in J&K.

The BJP leaders portrayed Congress' manifesto as a collection of falsehoods and emphasized BJP's track record of delivering on its commitments and its aim to bolster its credibility.

INDIA bloc fighting a close poll, to decide PM face after June 4: Rahul

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

CONGRESS leader **Rahul Gandhi** on Friday said the INDIA bloc is fighting a "close contest" in the Lok Sabha elections and the alliance will decide its prime ministerial face jointly after it wins the polls.

Hitting out at the BJP for its 'mission 400' campaign, the former Congress president said the NDA's 2024 campaign will meet the same fate as that of 'India Shining' in 2004. "It is a much closer contest than what is propagated by the media," Gandhi said at the Congress manifesto launch.

"It is a close election and we are going to fight an excellent election and we are going to win the election," Gandhi said. He said there was a similar campaign was run by the press when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the prime minister in 2004.

"So, we have a similar idea being propagated, India Shining, with two-three new dimensions, with full support by the monopolists. But do remember what happened to the India Shining campaign and do remember who won that campaign," he said.

On the PM face, Gandhi said, "INDIA bloc has decided that we are together fighting an ideological election; after winning the election, who will be the leader, the PM, the whole coalition will jointly decide."

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi speaks during a press conference after the release of the party's manifesto ahead of Lok Sabha elections on Friday | PTI

Gandhi said the Lok Sabha election is between forces trying to "destroy" the Constitution and democracy and those protecting them.

"We do believe that it is very important once this fight is won that we look after the interests of the vast majority of our people, that India is not run for two or three large conglomerates but is run for the vast majority of the people, that we are not a nation of monopolies, we are a nation where there is fair competition among businesses," he said.

"We have to understand what is the foundation of the strategy prepared by the RSS and BJP and particularly Narendra Modi. Like Modi has given a monopoly to Adani in ports, infrastructure and defence, he has also built a monopoly of political finance by using the ED, CBI and Income Tax department," he said.

"If you look at the electoral bond scheme, it is clear that Modi and BJP have raised political funding through extortion, threats, pressure," said Gandhi.

ED moves J'khand HC seeking transfer of case against its officials to CBI

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE Enforcement Directorate on Friday urged the Jharkhand High Court to hand over the investigation of the case, registered by former CM Hemant Soren against its officials, to the CBI.

In his FIR registered under the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Soren had charged the ED officials with harassing him for being a tribal. The case is presently being investigated by Jharkhand Police after the Soren filed the FIR at the SC/ST Police Station in Ranchi hours before his arrest by ED on January 31.

Soren in his FIR had alleged that the ED conducted the searches at his residence at Shantiniketan and Jharkhand Bhawan on January 27 to tarnish his image. The ED team, during their search at Soren's Delhi residence, claimed to have seized ₹36 lakh, an SUV, and several "incriminating" documents in connection to a money laundering case linked to an alleged land deal in Jharkhand.

The High Court, however, has ordered no coercive action against the ED officials in the case while hearing a quashing petition filed by the ED.

The ED contended that the case was filed by Soren with an intention to disrupt the ongoing money laundering probe linked to the alleged land-grabbing by Soren and his accomplices.

The ED, in its charge sheet filed against Soren and four others in the Ranchi PMLA Court on March 30, cited the SC/ST case as misconduct on the part of Soren. It pointed out that "Soren filed a false and vexatious complaint against the ED officers who conducted a search at his Delhi residence."

The registration of the FIR shows Soren's misuse of state machinery to threaten the officials involved in the investigation, it added. The ED pointed out in its charge sheet, "It is apparent that Hemant Soren, out of vengeance, lodged the FIR on a frivolous complaint and further managed to get notices issued to the ED officials in a bid to impede the investigation against him."

Prostate cancer to double globally by '40: Lancet

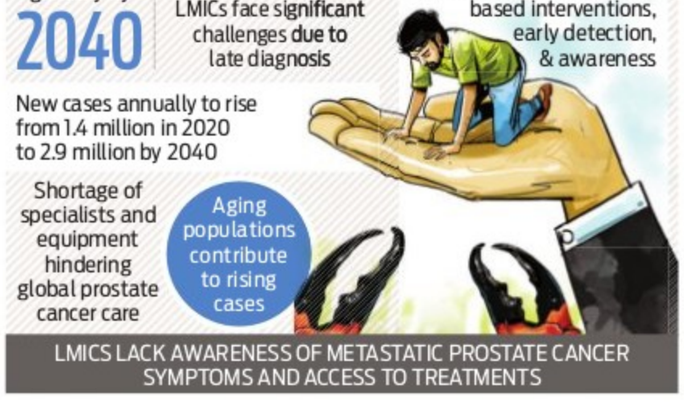
KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

PROSTATE cancer cases globally are projected to more than double, and deaths are expected to increase by 85 percent between 2020 and 2040, according to the latest Lancet report. The "overwhelming brunt" of this spike will be felt by low-middle-income countries due to "late diagnosis," which is a norm, and missed opportunities for data collection, said The Lancet Commission on Prostate Cancer.

The researchers projected that the number of new cases of prostate cancer annually will rise from 1.4 million in 2020 to 2.9 million by 2040.

"The projected rise in prostate cancer cases cannot be prevented by lifestyle changes or public health interventions," the researchers said.

As the rise in prostate cancer is likely to be mirrored by rises in other conditions such as diabetes and heart disease, early diagnosis programs should focus not just on prostate cancer but on men's health more broadly," the Commission added."There remains a shortage of specialist surgeons and radiotherapy equipment in LMICs, and addressing this shortage is key to improving prostate cancer care globally," they added.


Alarming Increase
Prostate cancer cases to double globally by 2040
Deaths from prostate cancer to increase by 85 per cent
LMICs face significant challenges due to late diagnosis
Aging populations contribute to rising cases, lifestyle changes may not prevent surge
Urgent need for evidence-based interventions, early detection, & awareness
New cases annually to rise from 1.4 million in 2020 to 2.9 million by 2040
Shortage of specialists and equipment hindering global prostate cancer care
Aging populations contribute to rising cases
LMICS LACK AWARENESS OF METASTATIC PROSTATE CANCER SYMPTOMS AND ACCESS TO TREATMENTS

According to Dr. Vimal Dassi, Director of the Department of Urology, Uro-oncology, Robotics, and Kidney Transplant at Max Healthcare, Vaishali, and Noida, Uttar Pradesh, the incidence rate of prostate cancer is calculated to be 9 per 100,000 men in India, with an increasing trend being seen every year.

"The incidence of prostate cancer in Indian males is lower than in Western populations. Within India, prostate cancer has wide variation in incidence, disease characteristics, and mortality, with the incidence being higher in the urban population," Dr. Dassi said. "Prostate cancer is primarily a disease of the elderly, with more than three-quarters of the cases occurring in men above 65," he said.

Aging populations and improving life expectancy will lead to more cases of prostate cancer in older men, and given that being 50 years or older is a risk factor, lifestyle changes, and public health interventions may not be able to prevent the upcoming surge.

"As more and more men around the world live to middle and old age, there will be an inevitable rise in the number of prostate cancer cases. We know this surge in cases is coming, so we need to start planning and take action now," said lead author of the Commission, Nick James, professor of prostate and bladder cancer research at The Institute of Cancer Research, London.

The Commission called for evidence-based interventions, including early detection and diagnosis, along with education and awareness programs, to help save lives from prostate cancer in the coming years.

Relief for 16L UP students as SC stays order scrapping madarsa education Act

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday stayed the Allahabad High Court's March 22 verdict declaring the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act, 2004, unconstitutional and violative of secularism and fundamental rights.

Critiquing the HC's verdict, a three-judge bench headed by the Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud pointed out that the former's finding on the establishment of a madarsa board prima facie breaching the principles of secularism may not be correct. It said it would examine the pleas in July second week.

The order brought a major relief for as many as 16 lakh students studying across around 16,000 madarsas in Uttar Pradesh. The bench passed the order after hearing a batch of appeals against the HC order.

"The object and purpose of madarsa board is regulatory in nature and Allahabad High Court is not prima facie correct that establishment of board will breach secularism," the court said.

"It (High Court judgment) conflates madarsa education with the regulatory powers entrusted with the board. The judgment shall remain stayed," the Supreme Court said in its order.

The HC had last month held the 2004 law unconstitutional as it violated secularism. The court went on to direct the government to accommodate all madarsa students in the formal education system.

Shoma Sen gets bail in Bhima Koregaon case

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

IN a major relief to academic-activist Shoma Sen, arrested in June 2018 in connection with the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case, the Supreme Court on Friday granted her bail by setting aside the January 2023 order of the Bombay High Court directing her to approach the special court for bail.

Sen has been lodged at the Byculla Jail in Mumbai since her arrest in 2018.

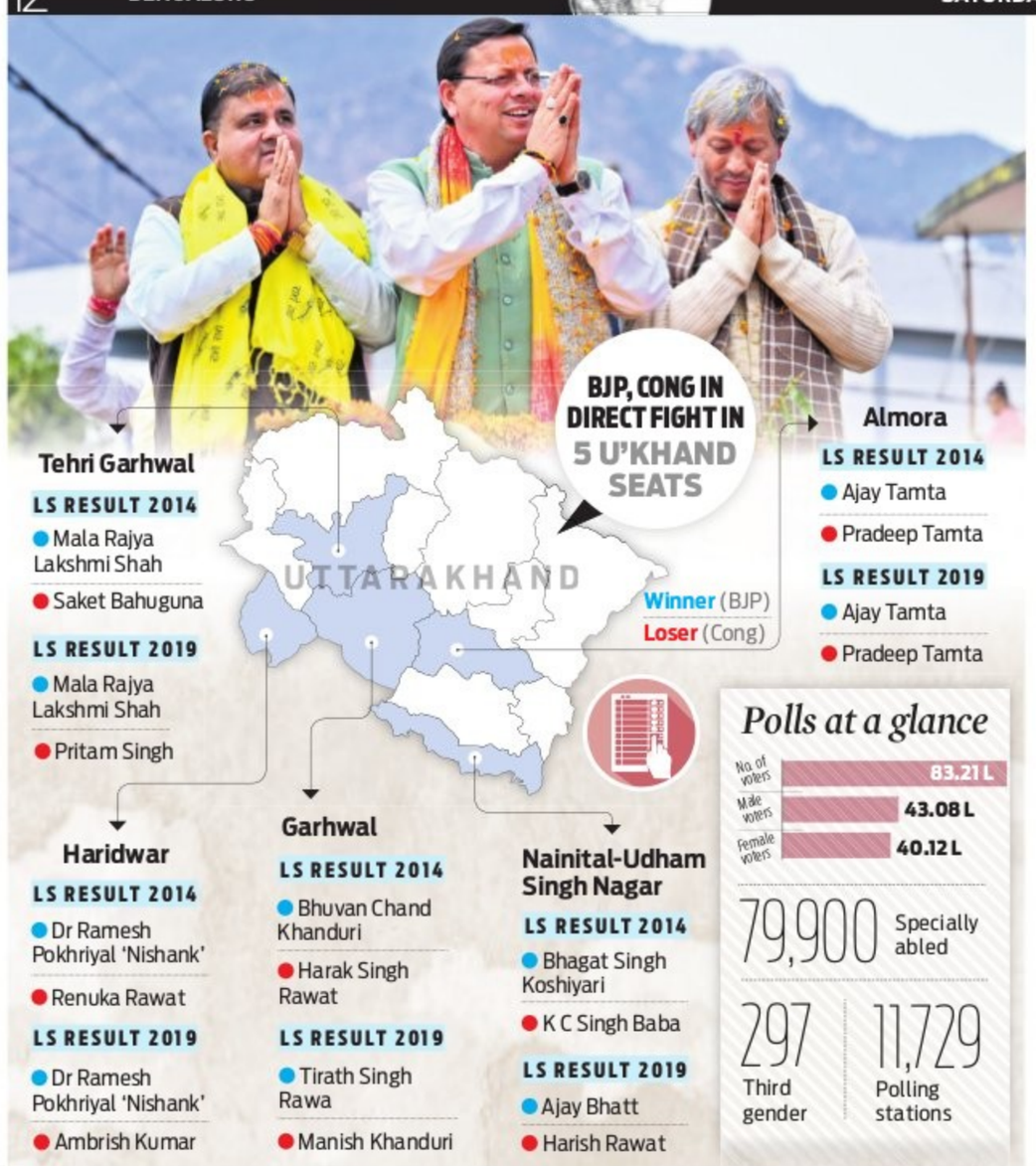
The National Investigation Agency, which is probing the case, did not oppose her bail plea. A bench of justices Aniruddha Bose and Augustine George Masih took cognizance of the delay in framing charges and the 66-year-old former Nagpur University professor's medical conditions.

The bench set several conditions for her bail including live-sharing of her mobile GPS with the NIA's investigating officer. Also, she cannot leave Maharashtra without the special court's permission.

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	23	Mumbai	36	27
Bhopal	35	22	Panaji	32	26
Jaipur	34	23	Patna	38	27
Amritsar	33	17	Lucknow	35	21
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	33	26
Kolkata	39	27	Imphal	32	19
Srinagar	23	08	Chandigarh	34	18

NAVIGATING AN UPHILL PATH

Storied history of delivering surprising outcomes where voters have not hesitated to shift sides



NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

EVEN as the five seats of Uttarakhand are all set to go to polls in the first phase on April 19, the political mood of the voters remains a mystery this time too, as has been the trend. Over 10 veterans in the state have faced a crushing defeat in the electoral history. These include the leaders who contested the Lok Sabha elections from Uttarakhand, hoping for easy access to Parliament but were disappointed.

Ram Vilas Paswan, Mayawati, Satpal Maharaj, Lt-Gen (Retd) Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, ND Tiwari, Maharaja Manvendra Shah of Tehri, and Harish Rawat were rejected at one time or the other. The state has a long and storied history of delivering surprising election outcomes where voters have not hesitated to shift their allegiance.

With a commendable literacy rate, Uttarakhand residents have consistently exercised their voting rights after thoughtful deliberation on national and significant issues. Amarjeet Singh, spokesperson for Congress in Uttarakhand, underscored the impact of literacy in the state, stating, "The high literacy rate plays a key role in voters making informed decisions by considering national issues during elections, reflecting their concern for serious matters at a national level."

"This time, the public is going to vote on issues like inflation, unemployment, security, migration, and law and order, and after seeing the political situation, Uttarakhand may give results similar to 2009," he said.

History of victories, defeats

A glance into the electoral history of Uttarakhand brings forth some intriguing results. In 1984, Harish Rawat defeated BJP stalwart Murli Manohar Joshi. In 1989, the then Congress veteran Satpal Maharaj was defeated by Janata Dal's Chandramohan Singh Negi. In 1989, Ramvilas Paswan suffered a decisive defeat from the Haridwar seat.

BSP supremo Mayawati faced a crushing defeat from Haridwar in 1990 and 1991. Similarly, in 1989, independent candidate Kashi Singh Aeri defeated Bhagat Singh Koshyari in the Almora seat. During the Ram mandir wave in 1991, the strong contender for the PM's post from the Congress ND Tiwari was defeated by by BJP's Balraj Pasi. In 1996 and 2009, B C Khanduri, who served as an MP four times on the Pauri seat, also faced defeat.

Similarly, Maharaja Manvendra Shah, an eight-time MP, was unseated on Tehri by independent candidate Paripurnanand Panuli in 1971. Also, Bachhi Singh Rawat, a former BJP minister, secured win over Harish Rawat on three consecutive occasions from Almora. In 2019, Ajay Bhatt emerged victorious over Harish Rawat on Nainital seat.

Current state of affairs

The primary contest is expected between the BJP and the Congress in all the five seats. Although Umesh Kumar from Haridwar and Bobby Pawar from Tehri are both strong independent candidates, as per the assessment of the previous election results, even in these elections, these independent candidates can be limited to affecting the margin of victory of the winning candidate. One of the two independents, Umesh Kumar, is an MLA from Khanpur constituency.

In Tehri, three-time BJP MP Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah will face Congress's Jot Singh Gunasola, a two-time MLA from Mussoorie, this time. Berojgar Sangh chief Bobby Pawar is contesting as an independent candidate with many youth supporters.

The contest in Garhwal is between Congress's Ganesh Godiyal and BJP's Anil Baluni. The BJP has fielded Rajya Sabha MP in place of Tirath Singh Rawat. Godiyal has previously served as a legislator.

The BJP has pitted former CM Trivendra Singh Rawat against Congress's Virendra Rawat in Haridwar. The BSP also commands a significant vote bank in this region, and independent candidate Umesh Kumar from Khanpur is also vying for victory. Umesh currently serves as an independent MLA from Khanpur.

In Almora, two old rivals, Ajay Tamta of BJP and Pradeep Tamta of Congress, will once again come face to face. In Nainital, MoS Ajay Bhatt will be challenged by a new face, Prakash Joshi of Congress.

ELECTION2024

Home voting begins in Bengal

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday conducted home voting for the first phase of the Lok Sabha elections scheduled in Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar & Alipurduars Lok Sabha seats, an official said. In case of home voting, polling personnel visit the voter's residence and accept his/her votes in ballot papers. Citizens aged 85 years and above and those with a minimum of 40 per cent disability can ask for facility.

Nomination of SP candidate rejected

The nomination form of Samajwadi Party nominee from Khajuraho seat, Meera Yadav was rejected on Friday by the Panna district election officer for being "incomplete." With the Congress having left the Khajuraho seat for SP as part of the seat sharing deal, the SP named ex-MLA Meera Yadav. She had won from Niwari assembly seat, but lost three polls from the same seat.

'Modi vs Rahul in Baramati'

The Lok Sabha battle in Baramati is not between opposition stalwart Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar but between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, said Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis. "People of Baramati must decide if it wants path of development set by Modiji or on Rahul Gandhi's ideology," he said.

94 polling booths for the displaced

Ninety-four special polling booths have been identified across Manipur to facilitate voting by internally displaced persons in the ethnic strife-hit state, Chief Electoral Officer PK Jha said. Kangpokpi district has the highest number of such polling stations at 24, followed by Bishnupur (22), Churachandpur (15) and Imphal East (9).

MAHARASHTRA

Cong eats Maha humble pie as Uddhav stays firm on seats

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE national and principal Opposition party, Congress, which heads the INDIA alliance, finds itself left high and dry by its alliance partners in the seat-sharing negotiations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Initially, the Maharashtra Congress claimed a total of 20 to 22 Lok Sabha seats, positioning itself as the national big brother while negotiating the allocation of 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra with its alliance partners—the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP).

However, in reality, the Congress party was forced to eat humble pie, as it will now contest only 16 Lok Sabha seats, while the regional party Shiv Sena (UBT) will contest as many as 22 Lok Sabha seats, and NCP (SP) will contest 10 seats in Maharashtra.

"We aimed to contest the Sangli and Bhiwandi Lok Sabha seats, where we have a strong network and significant presence of workers. This would have increased our total contested seats to 18. However, both alliance partners laid claim to these disputed seats and even announced their candidates. We found ourselves with no option but to plead with the party leadership, yet immediate assistance seems unlikely," said a senior Congress leader speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sharad Pawar convened a meeting of the Maha Vikas Aghadi at his residence, Silver Oak, to address the seat-sharing issue. "However, during the meeting, neither Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut nor Sharad Pawar showed any willingness to yield the Sangli and Bhiwandi Lok Sabha seats, respectively, despite our firm and flexible negotiations. Sanjay Raut's demeanour was rather dismissive, declaring the seat-sharing discussion concluded and refusing to engage further on the Sangli seat. Consequently, we walked out of the meeting, seeing no hope of resolving the disputed seat issue," the leader added.

Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole emphasised that Sangli is their traditional stronghold, where they stand a chance of victory, while Shiv Sena (UBT) lacks a presence. He argued that Sena (UBT) contesting the Sangli seat would hand over a LS seat to the BJP.

'BJP made bow-&-arrow symbol disappear'

The Shiv Sena (UBT) has accused the BJP of making the bow-and-arrow symbol disappear from many parts of Maharashtra after the saffron party started claiming the seats that were earlier contested by the undivided Shiv Sena. In an editorial in party mouthpiece 'Saamana' on Friday, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena (UBT) said the undivided Shiv Sena used to contest in 23 of the 48 seats in Maharashtra on its bow-and-arrow symbol. Sena (UBT), which is a part of the MVA, also claimed that the BJP high command was behind the move.

BIHAR

Lalu's 'bundle of lies' jibe at Centre amid RJD-VIP deal

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

RJD chief Lalu Prasad on Friday called the Narendra Modi government a "jhooth ka darbaar" (bundle of lies) and urged people to throw it out of power in the Lok Sabha elections.

His statement comes on a day the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) led by Mukesh Sahani tied up with the grand alliance in Bihar, which is part of INDIA bloc. VIP has been given three seats under seat-sharing arrangements.

"Lies are being spread on every issue, be it providing jobs, historical facts, development works and making promises. It seems that spreading lies among people is the business of the Narendra Modi government," Lalu said on X. He said that the union government was silent on how many people have been given jobs and employment opportunities in the last one decade. "If any leader is in Opposition, he is deep-rooted in corruption. But the same person becomes clean if he joins the saffron party," Lalu said.

Modi at his election rally in Jamui had attacked the RJD-Congress for being involved in plundering of public money. "Those who have looted money will have to return," Modi asserted. Meanwhile, former union minister and Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) president Upendra Kushwaha said Lalu has lost his mental balance. Describing PM Modi as a visionary leader, Kushwaha said Lalu should not have made such remarks against him.

Former deputy chief minister and RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav told the media that Sahani's VIP was offered Purvi Champaran (Motihari), Gopalganj and Jhanjharpur seats. With three seats allotted to VIP, now RJD will contest 23 seats and Congress nine, CPI-ML three, and CPI and CPI(M) one each. "Which party will contest on how many seats and from where has already been made clear to the leaders of the parties concerned,' Tejashwi said.

Sahahni said, "We are the people who believe in the ideology of Lalu Prasad. BJP tried to poach our leaders and also attempted to finish our party, but they could not succeed." VIP had contested 2019 Lok Sabha polls as part of grand alliance. In 2020 assembly polls, Sahani walked out of the alliance alleging that his party was not being given due respect.

EC: Launch campaign to increase voter turnout

The Election Commission on Friday directed municipal commissioners and DEOs of those parliamentary constituencies in Bihar where polling percentage was lower than the national average in the last Lok Sabha elections to launch an ambitious and intensive campaign to increase voter turnout in the upcoming polls. The direction to this effect was given by the EC at a conference, chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar. Eleven states and Union territories had voter turnout lower than national average.

ASSAM

BJP ally's peace mantra to score Kokrajhar win

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) in Assam is banking on peace and development to win from Kokrajhar, the lone seat it is contesting following its seat-sharing understanding with NDA partners – BJP and Asom Gana Parishad.

The constituency, which is reserved for Scheduled Tribes, falls under the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR). The BTR remained restive for decades, and then peace returned after the Centre had signed the BTR accord with some insurgent groups in January 2020.

Ever since then, no major incident of violence has occurred in BTR, which comprises the five districts of Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, Tamulpur, and Udalguri. The UPPL-BJP-Gana Suraksha Party (GSP) combine is in power in the autonomous Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), which administers BTR.

UPPL president and BTC chief Pramod Boro is optimistic that UPPL would be able to wrest the Kokrajhar seat from Naba Kumar Sarania, a former leader of insurgent group United Liberation Front of Assam who had won the last two times contesting as an independent.

The Kokrajhar seat falls entirely under BTR. Most elected members of UPPL in the BTC are from the Darrang-Udalguri parliamentary seat, which falls partially under the autonomous council. BJP leader Dilip Saikia is seeking re-election from the seat.

"We are fighting the polls as part of the NDA. We believe we will win from both seats. The reason is that the situation in BTR has changed. People from communities are living together in absolute peace. Earlier, they lived under Army and police operations," Boro said.

AGE NO BAR

This 92-yr-old to make poll debut in J'khand!

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

KHALIL Ansari, who never exercised his franchise in his entire life spanning over nine decades, will for the first time cast his vote during 2024-Lok Sabha polls in Jharkhand.

Thanks to the Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar, who has directed the officials to initiate the process by including Khalil's name in the electoral roll and provide a voter ID card to him immediately, to enable him to cast vote in the general elections.

Ninety-two year-old Ansari caught Kumar's attention when the latter was on a surprise visit to the polling stations in the remote and inaccessible areas of Mandro in Sahibganj, where he met the villagers and resolved the issues related to electoral roll. Kumar also took stock of the minimum facilities being provided to the voters at the polling stations in the remote and inaccessible areas.

During his visit, the officer came across an elderly physically-challenged Ansari, whose name was missing from the electoral roll. Upon inquiring, he learnt that the nonagenarian migrant from Purnea in Bihar, never had his name in the electoral roll. Kumar then directed the officials to include his name in the electoral roll and make necessary arrangements so that he could participate in the festival of democracy this year.

"It was found that Ansari has never exercised his franchise as he does not have any voter ID card. I have ordered the officials to immediately complete the process of including his name in the electoral roll so that he could exercise his franchise during the upcoming Lok Sabha polls," said the Chief Electoral Officer Kumar.

He has also directed the officials to identify other such people and include their name in the electoral roll as no one should be left behind and kept away from the electoral process in the country, he added.

Ansari, who can stand only with help of his crutches, told Kumar that he used to live in Purnea district of Bihar, but now shifted to Bidkhori. Due to the absence of his name in the voter list, he could never exercise his franchise, he said. The Chief Electoral Officer also met other senior voters and asked about the minimum facilities and other arrangements available for them.

Name was missing on the electoral roll

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Migrant from Purnea needs help to walk

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Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001.

TRU No 389/217 (DCP No 9101) in O.A NO. 1620/2014
NOTICE TO LEGAL HEIRS/REPRESENTATIVES OF CDR LATE MADEGOWDA BETWEEN:

Bank of Baroda, Hunasanahalli Branch.
CERTIFICATE HOLDER
Vs
Mr Madegowda (Died).
CERTIFICATE DEBTORS

Legal Heirs of Deceased CDR Mr Madegowda
1. Mrs Sarojamma W/o Late Madegowda. R/At: Mugguru Vilalge Bannimukkodlu Post Kodihalli Hobli Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara Dist-562119.
2. Mr M Yogesh S/o Late Madegowda. R/At: Mugguru Vilalge Bannimukkodlu Post Kodihalli Hobli Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara Dist- 562119
3. Mr M Arunakumar S/o Late Madegowda R/At: Mugguru Vilalge Bannimukkodlu Post Kodihalli Hobli Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara Dist-562119
4. Ms M Soumya D/o Late Madegowda R/At: Mugguru Vilalge Bannimukkodlu Post Kodihalli Hobli Kanakapura Taluk. Ramanagara Dist-562119. **....CDs**

Whereas Recovery Certificate **No. 9101/2015 in O.A No 1620/2014** has been forwarded by Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bangalore to the undersigned for the recovery of debt amounting to **Rs. 16,46,695/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Five Only)** with subsequent interest as mentioned in the Recovery Certificate and the Hon'ble Presiding Officer had sent to the undersigned the certified copy of Recovery Certificate under Sec. 19 (22) of RDB Act 1993, specifying that above mentioned amount is to be recovered along with future interest and cost from the CDs/Defendants as per R.C and whereas the CDR -Mr. Madegowda reported as died leaving behind you as legal heirs representatives.

You are hereby given notice that steps will be taken under all or any of the provisions of Sec. 25 to 28 of RDB Act 1993 read with Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 to recover the above said amount from you together with future interest payable and the costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of warrants and other processes issued and all other proceedings taken for realizing the specified amount. Therefore, you are hereby directed to pay the dues as per the R.C with future interest, costs and expenses incurred so far and the aforesaid is payable by all of you within 15 days from the date of service of this notice, failing which the matter will be decided as per law in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 21.02.2024.

RECOVERY OFFICER-1
DRT-2, BENGALORE

NB: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the II schedule to the Income Tax Act 1961 read with RDDBFI act 1993 which is reproduced below

16. (1) Where a notice has been served on the defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Recovery Officer nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of the money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other moneys contrary to such attachment, shall be void as against all the claims enforceable under the attachment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public is informed that, my client Sri. KESHAV PRASAD. A., S/o. Sri. H. K. Ananda Rao, # 1066, 11th Cross, 34th Main, J. P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore-560078, Ph:8197022200, has lost/misplaced Original Allotment Letter bearing No. BDA/DS-3/1302/X-BLK/BSK.6/2001-2002, dated 13-03-2002, issued by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), in respect of Site No.1302, situated at 10th Block, Banashankari 6th Stage, Bangalore, measuring 9.0 Meters X 12.0 Meters. He has also lodged a Police Complaint No. 1000706/2024, dated 03-04-2024, before Karnataka State Police, Bangalore City. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to me or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing within 7 Days to the undersigned.

Sd/- **NAGARAJA KUMBLE** M.A., LL.B.
#55, 4th Main, BEML 3rd Stage,
Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098.
Ph: 92424 17700

Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001.

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(See Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 r/w Rule 48 to 51 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)
TRC No. 1233/2018 IN O.A No. 1331/2015
BETWEEN:
Bank of Baroda, (Erstwhile Vijaya Bank) Mysore Main Branch.
....CERTIFICATE HOLDER/APPLICANT
AND
Mrs C S Hemavathi and others.
.....CERTIFICATE DEBTORS/DEFENDANTS

1) Mrs CS Hemavathi W/o E Mohan Raju R/a No 1732, 17th Main 8th Cross, JP Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078.
2) Mr V Hariprasad Reddy S/o V Krishna Reddy, R/No 351, 1 floor. 37th Cross, 7th Main Jayanagar 5th Block, Bangalore-560041.

Whereas the above named Certificate Debtors were ordered by Recovery Certificate to pay to the Applicant Bank (Certificate Holder) a sum of Rs 1,07,67,559/-(Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Only)along with costs, expenses and future interest @ 13.05% p.a on daily balkandes with monthly rests from the date of filing of O.A i.e 05.06.2015 till the date of realization and whereas the said sum has not been paid by the CDRs.

This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed or which shall be pointed out to you by the said certificate and unless the said certificate debtors shall pay to you the above said sum as per R.C and the costs of this attachment to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the Warrant on or before 26.03.2024 with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed or why it has not been executed.

Schedule Property - All the piece and parcel of converted Site No 1, Katha No 100, BBMP Katha No 94/1-137-100 situated at B Narayananapura, K.R Puram, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 40 ft, and North to South 30 ft totally measuring 1200 sq ft.
East: Private Property of Mr Nagappa, West: Road North: Private Property of Chaitanya, South. Road

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 01.03.2024.

RECOVERY OFFICER-1
DRT-2, BENGALURU

Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001.

(See Sec. 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with II Schedule to the Income Tax Act 1961)
NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
TRC No. 1233/2018 IN O.A No. 1331/2015
BETWEEN:
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......CERTIFICATE HOLDER/APPLICANT
AND
Mrs CS Hemavathi and others
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Whereas in execution of certificate TRC No. 1233/2018 O.A No.1331/2015 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned properties.

You are hereby informed that the day on or after the fifteenth day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof, you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

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RECOVERY OFFICER-1
DRT-2, BENGALURU

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from **Smt.MANGTALAGOWRAMMA, W/o. MUNIVENKATAPPA, 59 years, AADHAR 9937 4199 9943, 2) K. MUNIVENKATAPPA, S/o P.Kaverappa, aged about 39 years, AADHAR 7839 1898 7766, 3) GAJENDRA KUMARN.M, S/o. K. MUNIVENKATAPPA, aged about 37 years, AADHAR No.3537 4142 0028 4) Smt. TEJASVINI, D/o. K. MUNIVENKATAPPA, aged about 35 years, AADHAR No.5166 8676 6270 5) Smt.M.TANUJA D/o. K. MUNIVENKATAPPA, aged about 33 years, AADHAR No.9891 8807 3279** ALL ARE residents of No.41, 4th Main Road, N.S.PALYA, B.T.M. 2nd Stage, BANGALORE SOUTH, BANGALORE – 560078, No.2 to 5 are represented by their GPA Holder **Smt. MANGTALAGOWRAMMA, W/o.MUNIVENKATAPPA, 59 years, AADHAR 9937 4199 9943**

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest, claim or charge in the schedule property or an part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or against the owners or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within **7 DAYS** from issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property or any part thereof after which period my clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims, claimants/objections of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

ALL that piece and parcel of Agricultural Farm Land property bearing Old Sy. No.6/6, new No.6/7, bearing M.R.No.13/2007-08 measuring 6 Guntas of Land out of 2 Acres after duly obtained 11 E Sketch No.29051223913798001, situated at Yerehalli Village, Harohalli Taluk, earlier known and called as Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District carved out of katha in MR No.13/2007-08 and bounded on the
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that, my client **Mr. K.L. MUBARAK,** S/o K. L. Shabeer, No:6/4, 13th A Cross, Behind Mamoor Masjid, Padarayanapura, Bangalore-560 026, has lost the printed last page No:10 of the Sale Deed dated 17.03.2008 bearing Document No:BNS-1-05079/2007-08 of Book I, and stored in CD No:BNSD16 in the office of the Sub-registrar, Banasawadi, Bangalore, on 19.03.2008 in respect of the Schedule Property. If anybody found, please contact me to the following address:

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the immovable Residential property vacant Site bearing No:2700/16, within the revenue jurisdiction of BBMP, Khatha No:34/1, of Sarapalya Thanisandra Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring 1500 Sq. feet, and bounded as follows:

East : Site bearing No:17
West : Private Property
North : 20' wide Road
South : Site bearing No:20

B. SUBRAYA KHARVI, Advocate
No. 231, 11th Main, 37th Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-41.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Respondent No.7,
vide Court Order dated: 01.04.2024
WRIT PETITION No. 13286/2023 (L-RES)

PETITIONERS : M/S FALNIR PALACE, A Reg. Partnership Firm, Near Plantinum Theatre, Falnir, Mangaluru-575001. Rep. by its Managing Partner (Smt. Ashwini Rajagopal and Sri. Jayanth Dev Kumar for P.S. Rajagopal Associates LLP)
V/S
RESPONDENTS : 1. MS. RATHI, Aged Major, Lakshmi Krupa Nivas, Sadhashiva Alva Compound, Padil, Veera Nagar, Kannur Post, Mangaluru-575007. And 7 Others
To, RESPONDENT No. 7
MRS. SARITHA, Aged Major, R/at Metipalya, Tavarakere Post, South District, Bengaluru-562130.

WHEREAS the Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Article 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India, prayed to set aside the order dated 18.04.2023 (under Annexure-A) passed by the Labour Court, Mangaluru in Application No.6 to 13 of 2020 (Annexure-E1 to E8) and dismiss the Application No. 6 to 13 of 2020 as not maintainable.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to Act for you in the above Writ Petition **on 27.05.2024 at 10.30 A.M.** In case you intend to contest the Writ petition. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt With, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 01st day of APRIL, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **SRI.KUSHAL.G** son of late Sri.B.S.Girish Kumar, residing in the Schedule Property. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.18 (Site No.15, Khatha No.15/1 of Avalahalli Village), PID No.54-205-18, measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 50ft, in all measuring 1500 Sq.ft,** with a house building thereon, situated at 1st 'C' Main Road, Girinagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.162-Girinagar and bounded as follows:

East by : Property bearing No.16
West by : Property bearing No.14
North by : Property bearing No.08
South by : Road

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 22nd Main Road,
BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex,
Bengaluru-560070

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our clients have negotiated and finalised to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its present Owners **(1) Smt. B.VISHNUPRIYA,** wife of Sri. S.Jaikrishnan, residing at No.180, Seabreeze, 1st Floor, 4th Cross Street J.Nagar, Panayur, Sholinganallur, Kanchepuram – 600 119, Tamil Nadu and **(2) Smt. KAVITHA KANNAN,** wife of Sri. Kannan Wallajah Prasanna, residing at No.110, Muneshwara Layout, Kodichikkanahalli, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru – 560 076. The Owners make averments that they have acquired the Schedule Property from their parents Sri. P.T.Bhashyam, son of Late P.L.Thiyagarajan and Smt. Rukmani Bhashyam, wife of Sri. P.T.Bhashyam, interms under Gift Deed dated 06/11/2021, registered as document No.JAY-1-04974/2021-22 and stored in C.D.No.JAYD1085, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru. That apart, there are no other person/s, members of family and/or any financial institutions or etc., has/have any rights other than the present owners and this notice is given to those concerned, that should they have any pre-existing rights, objections or claim of any nature over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, they are requested to lodge their written objections/claims with necessary documentary proof to the undersigned within **TEN DAYS** from the date of publication. If no objections or claims along with proof are forthcoming within the said period, our clients shall construe that the Schedule Property is free from encumbrances, claims or hold and any subsequent objection/claims raised thereafter, shall not be considered and same shall not be held responsible by our clients and shall go ahead with purchase of the Schedule Property from present owners.

:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that Residential property bearing No.785, in layout formed by the MICO Employees House Building Co-operative Society Limited, situated at Nayanappa Setty Palya, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently known as MICO Employees Griha Nirmana Sangha BTM Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagar, Bengaluru, within the jurisdiction of B.B.M.P. Ward No.176-B.T.M. Layout, Bengaluru, having P.I.D. No.65-94-785, Bengaluru. The Site/Land measuring East to west: 18.59 Meter and North to South: 12.19 Meter, in all measuring about 226.612 Square Meters, together with residential building consisting of Ground and First Floors, measuring about 1,500 Square Feet of Built up area and the property is bounded by:

East : Road;
West : Property bearing No.789;
North : Property bearing No.786; and
South : Property bearing No.784.

S.R.BALASUBRAMANYAM,
S.KEERTHIKAR, Advocates,
No.216, 4th Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P.Nagar,
Bengaluru – 560 078. Mob: 9845007515/9845066604.
e-mail: srbalu@gmail.com

Place: Bengaluru
Dated: 04/04/2024

CORRIGENDUM-II FOR E-TENDER

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

MSETCL invites online bids (E Tender) from registered contractors / agencies on Mahatransco E-Tendering website http://srmetender.mahatransco.in; for following works.

Tender No :- CE/EHV PC O&M Zone/Pune/T-23/2023-24 **RFX No.** 7000030751

Subject :- Work Contract for the work of replacement of old existing 0.4 ACSR conductor by High Performance Conductor (HPC) along with suitable hardware, accessories for 220 kV Chinchwad-2-Chakan Line and 220 kV Bhosari 1-Chakan Line along with strengthening of bays at 220 kV Chinchwad-2, 400 kV Chakan and 220 kV Bhosari-I substation by replacement of 0.4 ACSR single conductor by HPC & allied equipment, hardware under EHV O&M Division-Pimpri-Chinchwad, Pune.

Tender Amount: Rs. 37,74,85,313/-; **EMD:** Rs. 37,74,853/-; **Tender Fees:** Rs. 25,000/- +GST.

Download of Tender Documents Extended: From dtd. 05.04.2024 to dtd. 10.05.2024 up to 18:00 Hrs.

Bid Opening : dtd. 10.05.2024 after 18:05Hrs (Tech.); dtd. 14.05.2024 after 11:00Hrs (Price)

For further details visit our website http://mahatransco.in and open above RFX for downloading tender document, schedules, and annexures.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (I/C), EHV PC O&M Zone Pune

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, M/s. MSF Consulting Private Limited, A Company incorporated under the Companies Act. 1956 are the absolute Owners of Residential Plot No. A - 2 situated at 'Chaitanya Sharan'. Municipal No. 706, (Sy. Nos. 166/1, 167, 164/2, 168/5, 168/6). Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Municipal Ward No. 149 of Varthur We have misplaced and not in a position to trace the original Sale Deed dated 04/02/2022. Registered as document No. 8374/2021-22 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru, Katha Certificate and other documents relating to the aforesaid Villa, which is more fully set out in the Schedule set out herein below. We have also informed the concerned Police Station of the aforesaid loss/misplaced original documents as above on 20th February, 2024 under Lost Report No. 0941472/2024, Bengaluru City and have requested the jurisdictional police to return the documents in the event of the same being either traced or someone delivering the same to the Police Station.

Any person or persons finding the aforesaid documents or having the original documents with regard to the aforesaid Properties under any agreement or arrangement, may return the originals or may write to the undersigned if they have any claim on the original documents in any manner whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Residential Plot bearing NO. A - 2, situated at 'Chaitanya Sharan', Municipal No. 706, (SY.Nos. 166/1.167, 164/2.168/5, 168/6). Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Municipal Ward No. 149 of Varthur, in all measuring 7,228 sq.feet and the said plot presently bearing Municipal No. 125/1,A - 2, in the records to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (Whitefield Sub-Division. Mahadevapura Division) and bounded as follows: On the East by: Villa No. 1 in Chaitanya Sharan, West by:Villa No. 3 in Chaitanya Sharan, North by: Internal Driveway in Chaitanya Sharan, South by: Open towards Chaitanya Sharan Private Property in Sy.No.166

Ms. MSF Consulting Private Limited,
Mantena House, Sy.No. 12, Opp. M.V. Court Yard, RR Residency Lane, Madhapura, Hyderabad. Telangana-Pin 500081. | Ph. 81237 93340

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	I M Enterprises Represented By Proprietor Imran Khan & Naziya Khanum/ No. 24, Ground floor, 3rd Main Bismilla Nagar, Taverekere Bangalore- 560029/ 005305012634.	(as Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of The Residential Cum Commercial Property Bearing Municipal No. 24, Situated At 3rd Main Road, Bismilla Nagar, Bangalore, In Ward No.64, Pid No.64-96-24 (Formerly Site No.11, Carved Out of Erstwhile Survey No.69, of Thavarekere Village, Bangalore, Measuring East To West 30 Feet And North To South 35 Feet In All Measuring 1050 Sq Ft, Together With Old Rcc Building With Red Oxide Flooring Consisting of Ground Floor Measuring 700 Sq Feet And First Floor, Measuring 400sq Feet Totally Measuring 1100 Sq Feet of Built Up Area Constructed Thereon And Bounded In Below (Admeasuring An Area of 1100 Sq Feet of Built Up Area Bounded By: On The North By: Site No. 12 On The South By: Road On The East By: Road On The West By: Site No.6 Now Bearing Municipal No.25.	February 16,2024 Rs. 16,39,123.00/-	07/12/ 2023
2.	Matrushree Food Services Represented By Proprietor Sowmya Shree & Ravi N/ No. 2 Meravegowdanadoddi Karnataka Ramanagar - 562109/ 008405001811/ 008455000001.	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Part And Parcel of The Property Bearing Bidadi Municipal Katha No. 247/95/Sy.No./144/8 Situated At Thimmegowdanadoddi Village, Hamlet of Ittamadu, Ward No.22, Bidadi, Ramanagara Taluk Measuring East To West: 56 Feet And North To South:39 Feet, In All Measuring 2184 Sq.feet Which Consisting Ground And First Floor Rcc Building (Admeasuring An Area of 2184 Sq.feet North: Road South: Property of Kalappa East: Property of Late Muddarangaiah West: Property of Rangamma.	February 16,2024 Rs. 54,48,409.00/-	29/11/ 2023
3.	Adithi Infotech Represented By Proprietor Prasad I K S & Komala H H / 1108E 10th Main Road, Rpc Layout Vijayanagar 2nd, 2nd Stage Bangalore- 560040/ 625105502067/ 625155002942.	Property 01 All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Have 350 Ft Undivided Share Right Little Intrest In The Property Bearing Site No 3, 14 And 15 Bearing Amalgamated Khatha No.22 Pid No 39-95-22 Admeasuring 5250 Sq Feet Situated At Nagarabhavi, Village Yashwantapure Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore And Bouded On The: East By: 10 Feet Passage West By: 60 Feet Road North By: Site No 2 And 13, South By: Site No 4 And 16, Together With: A Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No S-201 (New Muncipal No 22/5), Pid No 39-95- 2275) On The Second Floor Having A Super Built Up Area of Measuring 984 Sq, Ft With One Exclusive One Covered Car Parking Space In Base In The Residential Apartment Building Known As "vishwas Olive" Constructed Thereon" Property 02 All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Katha No.819, Village Panchayath Katha "No. 151600502027006O2335, Panchayath Katha No.5-29/06/2017, Situated At Vidhyanagar Layout, Sathyamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hasan Taluk, Measuring East To West 12.9 Mtrs And North To South 21 Mtrs, In All Measuring 270.90 Sq.mtrs, And Bounded On The; East By: Property Belongs To Kanthilatha; West By: Property Belongs To Kamalamma; North By: Property Belongs To Channaveeregowda, South By: Road;.	February 16,2024 Rs. 1,97,83,312.00/-	24/12/ 2023
4.	KVS Agency Represented By Proprietor Chitvan Sharma & Vishal Sharma/ House No. 118 KVS Agency 5th A Cross 4th Main Vidhyagiri Layout, Nagarbhavi Bangalore - 560072/ 231705500029/ 231755000001.	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Site Bearing No.118 In Bmp Pid No.39-192-118 In Vidhyagiri Layout, The Lay-out Formed By The Bangalore City Employees Housing And Social Welfare Co-operative Society Limited, In Sy. Nos. 48, 123, 128, 139, 141 And 142 of Nagarabhavi Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now Called Bangalore City Employees' H.B.C.S. Layout, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.39, Bangalore, Measuring East To West: 30 Feet And North To South: 40 Feet In All Measuring 1200 Sq.ft. And Bounded On The Below (Admeasuring An Area Of 1200 Sq.ft. North:site No.124 South: Road East: site No.119 West: Site No.117.	February 16,2024 Rs. 1,30,71,160.00/-	06/12/ 2023
5.	Sunnleks Agro Private Limited Represented By Directors Sunil Vijayan And Sreelekha Sunil / Villa No 36 Rohan Asheema Opp To Cosmos Brook Cosmos Brook F Marthahalli Bengaluru- 560037/ 234005500185/ 234005500186/ 234055000001.	(as Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Property Covered Four Bedroom Residential Premises Bearing No.36 Admeasuring Saleable Built Area About 254.747 Sq.mts Ie.2742 Sqfts (which Is Inclusive of The Areas of Balconies. Internal. Staircase, Utility) Along With Attached Terraces Admeasuring 23.988 Sq.mtrs Ie 258 Sq Fts and Court Yard Admeasuring 7.14 Sq.mtrs Ie.77 Sq Ft. Consisting of Four Bedroom, Four Toilets Besides A Living-cum-dining.kitchen, Utility Area, Courtyard, Back Garden Admeasuring Area About 28.88 Sq/mtrs Ie.311 Sqft And Roof Terrace Admeasuring Area About 38.898 Sq.mirs I.e.419 Sq.ft And Exclusive Rights To Use Car Parking Space In The Basement Admeasuring Area About 25.00 Sq.mtrs I.e.269 Sqft In The Project Named As "Rohan Ashima". (Admeasuring An Area of 2742 Sqfts.	February 09,2024 Rs. 1,64,07,915.00/-	10/09/ 2023
6.	Manvantra Aqua Ecocarbon Private Limited Represented By Directors H S Sachin, Sowmya B S, H S Srinivas, H B Sathynarayana, Sanjay H S & Nagamani H N/ Settikere Road Sy No 12/3 Bennayakanahalli Village Tiptur Mysore Tiptur - 572201/ 193705500777/ 193755000033/ 603090023477.	Property 1 Item no.1 All that Piece and Parcel for the Property bearing E-Khatha No.152500800700100676 (PID No.28 and Panchayath Khatha No.665), formed in Sy. No.12/4 (old Sy no. 12/3), Measuring 5978.16 Sq.Mtrs, Situated at Bennayakanahalli Village, Chikkanayakanahalli Road, Kasaba Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District, and bounded on the:- East By : Property in Sy.No.09/2 of Shibanandaiah, West By: Tiptur-CH Halli Road, North By: Property of Gowramma, South By: Property of Kempamma Temple Item no. 2 All that piece and parcel for the Property bearing E-Khatha No.152500800700100538 (PID No.9/2, 9/9, 13/5, and 16/7) formed in 9/2, 9/9, 13/5, and 16/7, Measuring 17293.25 Sq.Mtrs, Situated at Bennayakanahalli Village, Chikkanayakanahalli Road, Kasaba Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District, and bounded on the:- East By: La Hi No.03, 04, 05 ar 15, West By: Property in Sy.No.12/4, 13/4 & C.N. Halli Road, North By: La Hi No.16/3, South By: La Hi No.9/1, 08/13/5, 13/2 Property -2 All that piece and parcel for property bearing Site no.26, BBMP Khatha no.25/1703/26, Survey Nos. 34 to 39, 41 to 51 measuring East to west 60ft and North to South 40ft Situated at Narasipura Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore and bounded on the;- East by: Site No.31; West by: Road; North by : Site No.25; South by : Site No.27 together with all the buildings and structures thereon, fixtures, fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future.	February 26,2024 Rs. 6,90,03,506.00/-	11/01/ 2024
7.	Z S Wir Nets Represented By Proprietor Amanulla Khan/ Bi Bi Hajira/ Amanulla Khan 1, Old Iron Market Yard, Gubbigate Ring Road, Tumkur Karnataka - 572101/ 109405001650.	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Pid No.100111, Katha No.6/19/5708, Old Katha No.6/19, Situated At Ward No.10, Vecrasagara Layout, Tukur, Measuring East To West 44 Feet And North To South 24 Feet Totally Measuring 1056 Sq Feet And The Same Is Bounded In Below (Admeasuring An Area of 1056 Sq Feet Bounded By : On The North By: House of Shahin Tabasum On The South By: House of Sami Ahmed On The East By: Road On The West By: Private Property.	March 07,2024 Rs. 42,06,712.00/-	22/01/ 2024
8.	H S Sachin Represented By H S Sachin/ Sowmya B S/ H S Srinivas/ H B Sathynarayan/ Sanjay H S/ Nagamani H N/ Settikere Road Sy No. 12/3 Bennayakanahalli Village Tiptur Mysore Tiptur- 572201/ 193705003338.	Property 1 Item No.1 All That Piece And Parcel For The Property Bearing E-khatha No.152500800700100676 (Pid No.28 And Panchayath Khatha No.665), Formed In Sy. No.12/4 (old Sy No. 12/3), Measuring 5978.16 Sq.mtrs, Situated At Bennayakanahalli Village, Chikkanayakanahalli Road, Kasaba Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District, And Bounded On The:- East By: Property In Sy. No. 09/2 of Shibanandaiah, West By: Tiptur-ch Halli Road, North By: Property of Gowramma, South By: Property of Kempamma Temple Item No. 2 All That Piece And Parcel For The Property Bearing E-khatha No.152500800700100538 (Pid No.9/2, 9/9, 13/5, And 16/7) Formed In 9/2, 9/9, 13/5, And 16/7, Measuring 17293.25 Sq.mtrs, Situated At Bennayakanahalli Village, Chikkanayakanahalli Road, Kasaba Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District, And Bounded On The:- East By: La Hi No.03, 04, 05 Ar 15, West By: Property In Sy. No.12/4, 13/4 & C.N. Halli Road, North By: La Hi No.16/3, South By: La Hi No.9/1, 08/13/5, 13/2 Property -2 All That Piece And Parcel For Property Bearing Site No.26, Bbmp Khatha No.25/1703/26, Survey Nos. 34 To 39, 41 To 51 Measuring East To West 60ft And North To South 40ft Situated At Narasipura Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore And Bounded On The;- East By: Site No.31; West By: Road; North By: Site No.25; South By: Site No.27 Together With All The Buildings And Structures Thereon, Fixtures, Fittings And All Plant And Machinery Attached To The Earth or Permanently Fastened To Anything Attached To The Earth, Both Present and Future.	March 19, 2024 Rs. 92,94,135.00/-	11/01/ 2024

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : April 06, 2024
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, अंतरिक्ष विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
पर्यावरण सुरक्षा एवं वन प्रबंधन प्रभाग / ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT DIVISION
एसडीएससी– शार, श्रीहरिकोटा / SDSC - SHAR, SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

निविदा सूचना सं. एसओएसई: ईपी एवं एफएमडी: पीटी– 01/2024
TENDER NOTICE NO. SOSE: EP&FMD: PT – 01/2024
तिथि / DATE: 06-04-2024

संक्षिप्त निविदा सूचना / BRIEF TENDER NOTICE

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, समान प्रकृति एवं परिमाण के कार्य का अनुभव रखने वाले पात्र प्रवीणता संविदाकारों से निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए मुहर–बंद निविदाएं आमंत्रित हैं। / On behalf of the President of India, sealed **item rate** tenders are invited in from the eligible Professional Contractors having experience in works of similar nature with manpower and magnitude for the following work.

क्र सं/ Sl. No.	कार्य का नाम, एनआईटी सं एवं तिथि Name of work NIT No. & Date	संविदा की अवधि Period of Contract	निविदा दस्तावेज का दर (अप्रतिदेय) Cost of Tender document (Non refundable)	बयाना जमा राशि (ई.एम.डी) रू Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	कार्य की विक्रय अवधि Sale Period for Work	देय समय, रसीद तथा निविदा को खोलना / Due time, receipt & opening of Tender
1	एसडीएससी शार परिसर में एफएलपी, एसएलपी, एएसएमपी, एसवीएबी, पीआईएफ, एसपीएजी, एसपीपी तथा नर्सरी के अलावा श्रीहरिकोटा वन क्षेत्र से काजू और रीठा की फसल को इकट्ठा करने और निकालने का पट्टा अधिकार। / Lease right to collect and remove Cashew Nut and Soap Nut produce from Sriharikota Forest Area except FLP, SLP, ASMP, SVAB, PIF, SPAG, SPP and NURSERY area in SDSC SHAR CAMPUS.	अगस्त 2024 तक Up to August 2024	₹ 575/-	ई.एम.डी EMD ₹ 2,50,000/-	08.04.2024 से / तक to 29.04.2024	29.04.2024 को 14:30 बजे तक। उसी दिन 15:00 बजे से खोलना। / Up to 14:30 hrs. on 29.04.2024 Opening on same day from 15:00 hrs onwards.

निविदा दस्तावेजों की दर हेतु "एसबीआई श्रीहरिकोटा" में चालान देय करना होगा। कृपया इच्छुक निविदाकार अर्हता एवं अन्य नियम व शर्तों हेतु सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र शार के ईपी एवं एफएमडी, ईएफ एवं एचडी तथा सीएमजी कार्यालय एवं साइट में प्रदर्शित www.isro.gov.in पर जाकर विस्तृत निविदा सूचना देखें तथा दूरभाष सं. 08623-2222140 / 222496 पर संपर्क करें। दिए गए निर्णीत समय के अंतराल में काम को पूरा कर पाने की क्षमता रखनेवाले संविदाकारों के लिए दर बोली खोलने के हक का आरक्षण विभाग की ओर से दिया जाएगा।

Cost of Tender documents shall be paid in the form of Challan Payable at "SBI, SRIHARIKOTA". Interested Tenderers may please refer to the detailed tender notice displayed in EP&FMD, EF & HD and CMG office of SDSC SHAR and www.isro.gov.in, Ph. 08623-2222140 / 222496 for eligibility and other terms and conditions. Department reserves the right to open the price bid of contractors who are competent to carry out work of this nature and magnitude within the stipulated time frame.

Sd/- प्रधान / HEAD, ईपी तथा एफएमडी / EP&FMD

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
भारत सरकार का उपक्रम — A Government of India Undertaking
सिंडिकेट Syndicate
BENGALURU

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**

Sl. No.	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price 3) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD 2) Last date of KYC documents 3) EMD A/c no. 4) IFSC code 5) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	**1) Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) : 1. M/S SRS Distributors** No. 26, 1st Cross, RRMR Extension, Bengaluru-560027. **2.Sri B S Sukumar S/o R Subhasankarappa** 2086, Upanagar, 1st Main Road, Bangalore- 560002. **GUARANTOR (S) / MORTGAGOR (S) /LEGAL HEIR (S) 1. Sri R S Sreenath,** No. 132, 1st Main Road, Kendra Upadhya Sangha, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru- 560072. 2) Canara Bank - **Shantinagar Branch Ph No. : 080-22233443, Mob No. : 9659486098**	**1) Rs. 52,05,855.54** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	1) 06.05.2024 upto 5.00 pm 2) 07.05.2024 upto 5.00 pm 3) 209272434 4) CNRB00000681 5) Rs.50,000/-	1. 08.05.2024 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 04.05.2024 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: All the piece and parcel of Vacant Stie No. 521, Block No. 2, Anjanapura layout, Bengaluru measuring East to West 6 metres and North to South 9 metres, an extent of 54 metres Bounded by : **East By** : Site No. 522, **West By :** Site No. 520, **North By:** Private Property And, **South By:** Road. Standing in the name of Sri B S Sukumar. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs. 46,48,000.00 B) EMD - Rs. 4,65,000.00**			

For all details contact at Regional Office, MG Road, Bangalore. Contact Numbers - 1) 90109 49899, 2) 9483520792

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the branch.

Place: Bangalore, Date : 05.04.2024
Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

2 women were forced to remove hijabs for mug shots. NYC will pay USD 17.5M to settle their suit

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	26	9	SNY	Los Angeles	17	11	SNY
Colombo	31	26	LC	Melbourne	18	14	LR
Dhaka	37	27	LC	Moscow	11	4	LC
Dubai	28	22	SNY	New York	11	4	LC
Houston	25	21	SNY	Singapore	32	28	LR
Istanbul	12	19	LC	Toronto	9	2	LC
London	21	11	WI	Washington	12	4	LC

Israel blocks GPS amid Iran's threat of attack

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S military blocked GPS signals in certain places and strengthened "alertness" as its war against Hamas in Gaza nears its seventh month.It comes as Israeli military is strengthening its defences after a deadly air strike on the Iranian consulate in Syria's Damascus drew threats of retaliation. Armed forces spokesman Daniel Hagari confirmed the jamming of GPS signals, which is intended to defend against guided weapons like missiles or drones. "We strengthened the alertness of combat units, where needed," Rear Admiral Hagari said. "We have reinforced the defence systems and we have aircraft prepared for defence and ready to attack in a variety of scenarios."

Among other measures, Israeli Army paused leave for combat units. "The (army) is at war and the issue of the deployment of forces is constantly reviewed according to need," the military said in announcing the leave suspension. The army also said that, after an assessment, officials decided to increase manpower and draft reserve soldiers to operate air defences.

As Israel has fought in Gaza since the Hamas attack of October 7, it has also stepped up strikes against Iranian personnel and allies in Syria and Lebanon.

ISRAEL AGREES TO LET MORE AID INTO GAZA AFTER DEATHS

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL on Friday said it is taking steps to increase the flow of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, including reopening a key border crossing into hard-hit northern Gaza.

"Israel will allow the temporary delivery of humanitarian aid" through the Ashdod Port and the Erez land crossing, as well as increased deliveries from Jordan at the Kerem Shalom crossing, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said.

Netanyahu's office announced the plans, just hours after President Joe Biden told him that future US support for the war in Gaza depends on Israel taking more action to protect civilians and aid workers. The announcement did not elaborate on quantities or types of items to be let in.

Still, despite their differences, the Biden administration has continued to provide Israel crucial military aid and diplomatic support for Israel's six-month war against Hamas. Israel faces growing international isolation after its forces killed seven aid workers helping deliver food in Gaza.

The Israeli army on Friday admitted a series of errors and violations of its rules in the killing of seven aid workers in Gaza, saying it had mistakenly believed it was "targeting armed Hamas operatives".

The two brigade officers who ordered the drone strikes, a colonel and a major, are being fired, the army said, and its Southern Command chief reprimanded. It was a rare confession of wrongdoing by Israel in its nearly six-month war against Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip, where the health ministry of the Hamas-ruled territory says more than 33,000 people have been killed. The aid group has said its team was travelling in a "de-conflicted" area at the time of the strike. "Despite coordinating movements with the (Israeli army), the convoy was hit as it was leaving the Deir al-Balah warehouse," WCK said. The army said aid was moved at night to avoid deadly stampedes by hungry Gazans.

The aid workers' deaths "outraged" US President Joe Biden who demanded Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu order steps toward an "immediate ceasefire". Israeli general Yoav Har-Even, who is leading the investigation, admitted that "the three air strikes were in violation of standard operating procedures".

Children play amid the rubble of destroyed buildings in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on Friday | AFP

MCDONALD'S TO ACQUIRE ISRAELI FRANCHISES

New York: McDonald's Corporation said Thursday it will acquire Alonyal, which owns 225 McDonald's restaurants in Israel which have been hit by calls for a boycott over the war with Hamas in Gaza. McDonald's said in a statement the deal was subject to conditions which it did not identify

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Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no.536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**
*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE-2024 (LOKSABHA)**
Name of State/UT : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **22-CHAMARAJANAGAR (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **SUNIL BOSE**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Distributing Butter Milk and Fruits to Public and Party Workers while Canvassing for Vote on 28-03-2017.
	b.	Case no.	CC320/2018
	c.	Name of the Court	PRL Civil Judge (Jr.Dn) & JMFC Court, Nanjanagud, Mysore District.
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	YES
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	- NA -
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	- NA -
	g.	Any other information required to be given	- NA -
2		The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	He is well-known and publicly accepted leader with a good experience of social work in the constituency.
3		Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The case has no significant stand and in all probability, he is most likely to be acquitted. As mentioned above in comparison to other individuals without criminal antecedents this candidate is quite popular and well accepted amongst the general mass.

KARNATAKA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE * No. 14, Queens Road, Bangalore - 560 052.

(D.K. SHIVAKUMAR)
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(1) Name of the Constituency : **27-CHIKKABALLAPUR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **M.S. RAKSHA RAMAIAH**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Offences punishable u/s 269 and 188 of IPC and 51(B) NDMA Act
	b.	Case no.	Cr.No: 132/2021 (CC No 23673/2021)
	c.	Name of the Court	Court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	YES
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	23/12/2021
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	a. Payment of Fine of Rs.200/- U/s. 188 IPC b. Payment of Fine of Rs.200/- U/s. 269 IPC r/w 149 IPC c. Payment of Fine of Rs.250/- U/s. 51(b) of D.M.A Act
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NIL
2		The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	The Proposed Candidate is highly educated with MBA Qualification. The proposed Candidate comes from the well-known and reputed family of Dr.M S Ramaiah. The Proposed Candidate is very understanding about the needs and the necessities of all the sections of the society and has a clear vision for the betterment and upliftment of the society.
3		Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	There is no other suitable candidate with the calibre and stature of the Candidate proposed for the Chikkaballapura Lokasabha Constituency

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Karur Vysya Bank — Smart way to bank

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
Divisional Office Building, No.6, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560004,

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** the **Constructive/Physical** (whichever is applicable) Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 03.05.2024** for recovery of **Rs.45,58,922.07/- (Rupees Fourty Five lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundrend Twenty Two and Paisa Seven Only)** due to "The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd", Secured Creditor from **(1) Mr. Madhusudhan G C (Borrower)**, S/o. Chikkamuniappa, Residing at No. 233, 3rd Cross, Bhoui colony, Gangappa Compound, Near Venkateshwara Temple, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore – 560 016; **(2) Mrs. Anitha (Guarantor)**, W/o. Mr. Madhusudhan G C, Residing at No. 233, 3rd Cross, Bhoui Colony, Gangappa Compound, Near Venkateshwara Temple, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore – 560 016 and **(3) Mr. Umesh G C (Guarantor)**, S/o. Chikkamuniappa, Residing at No. 34, St. Antony School Road, 11the Cross, ACC Layout, R M Nagar, Bangalore – 560 016. The reserve price will be **Rs. 77,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.7,70,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Seventy Thousand only)**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule A : All the piece and parcel of the Residential Site and building situated at Site # 13, CMC Khatha No. 9319/5855/13, 4th Cross, Sri M V Layout Extension, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural District measuring East to West : 12.92 Mtrs, North to South : 10.66 Mtrs total 130.06 Sq. Mtrs or 1400 Sq.feet. Bounded on the On the East by : Site No. 14, On the West by : 25 feet Road, On the North by : 25 feet Road, On the South by : Government Well (Halla).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 04.04.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED

IN THE 85TH ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH - 85)

Comm.O.S. No.1479/2023

Between

Axis Bank Limited, Having its registered office at Trishul, 3rd Floor, Opposite Samaratheshwar Temple, Near Law Garden, Elis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006. Branch office Plot No.41, Sheshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009. **Represented by its Senior Manager and Authorized Representative Sri. BY Arjun Dev** ...Plaintiff

And

Indocraft Technologies ...Defendant

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C

Summons to Defendant

Indocraft Technologies, Represented by its Proprietor Sri. Rajesh Iranna Kulgod, S/o Sri. Iranna Kulgod, Aged about 26 years, No.75/2, Chikka Kodigehalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore-560091.

Also at :

Indocraft Technologies, Represented by its Proprietor Sri. Rajesh Iranna Kulgod, No.C3, 2nd Floor, Hukund Building, Hebbagodi, Near Dnamma Temple, Bangalore - 560099.

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.11,34,553/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Three Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate **24% p.a.,** with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **22.04.2024 at 11.00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, **22.04.2024** the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **04.01.2024.**

By Order of Court
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore-560 047

IN THE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH - 89)

Comm.O.S. No.135/2024

Between

Axis Bank Limited, Having its corporate & registered office at Trishul, 3rd Floor, Opposite Samaratheshwar Temple, Near Law Garden, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006 and Branch office at plot No.41, Sheshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009. ...Plaintiff

And

M J Enterprises ...Defendant

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C

Summons to Defendant

M J Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor Sri. Rudraradhaya M, S/o Sri. N R Mallikarjunaiah, Aged about 43 years, No.109, 1st Floor, Kothanur Dinne Main Road, J P Nagar, 8th Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078.

Also At:

M J Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor Sri. Rudraradhaya M, No.7, 1st Cross, 4th Main, Near Anjaneya Temple, N S Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076.

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.11,05,380/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate **24% p.a.,** with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **01/06/2024** at **11.00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **02/04/2024.**

By Order of The Court
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamita
No.1206, Ranganatha Complex, 12th Cross, M C Layout, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560 040, Ph: 080-23109091, E-mail: ashwathapura@gmail.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Where as the **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamita** acting through its Chief Executive Officer / Authorised Officer, in exercise of its powers under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction has decided to put up for E-Auction the Schedule property for realization of the debts due to the **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamita** upon the following of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) terms and conditions:

CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION

a) E-Auction is being held on **AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER IS THERE AND WITHOUT RECOURACE BASIS** and the **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamita** is not responsible for title, condition or any other fact affecting the property.
b) The E-auction will take place through portal **https://bankauctions.in.** on mentioned date at the time has mentioned below :-
c) The intending tenderer/bidder shall deposit with the Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer an amount equivalent to 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of, **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha., Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd., Magadi Road, Branch, Bangalore by Demand Draft or NEFT/RTGS to Savings Account No:1105110110060369 And IFSC Code: UJVN0001105 at the same time bidder has to submit the e-bid form available on https://bankauctions.in/** before the date and time mentioned above and shall obtain written receipt thereof from the branch/ Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer.
d) Bidder should have valid digital signature certificate (Class- ii/iii) to participate in the e-auction. For details with regards to digital signature, registration and training may please contact **M/s 4Closure, Hyderabad. Contact Details: 08142000061/66 and +91-9515160061 (Bengaluru) Email ID: info@bankauctions.in and subbarao@bankauctions.in, lokesh@bankauctions.in.**
e) The particulars specified in Schedule have been stated to the best of information of the **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha.,** and the **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha.,** will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission.
f) For the reasons recorded, it shall be in the EMD submitted and **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha.,** would not entertain any claim or any representation in that regard from the bidders.
g) The person declared to be the successful bidder shall deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of sale price, less EMD deposited immediately and remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction. In case of failure to adhere any payment schedule, the amount paid will be forfeited and Authorise Officer will be at liberty to cancel the auction and conduct fresh auction.
h) On receipt of the entire sale consideration the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate and the sale shall be complete thereafter and the **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha.,** shall entertain no claims.
I) Noting in this notice constitutes or will be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha.,** to sell the property. **Ashwathapura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha.,** reserves the right to cancel the sale for any reason it may deem fit or even without assigning any reason and such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.

1. Name and address of the Borrower and Guarantor/Co-Obligant :(1) Mrs. Savithramma W/o Channappa (2) Mr. Channappa S/o Late Naganna, Both are residing at : No.LIG-72, KHB Colony, Bidadi Town, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District-562109. **Guarantors-(1) Mr. Santhosh K C** S/o Channappa, No.LIG-72, KHB Colony, Bidadi Town, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District-562109. **(2) Mr. Nagaraja E** S/o Eshwarappa No.9, F Cross, Kuvempunagar, New Guddadahalli, Bengaluru-560026.

The secured debt for the recovery of which the movable/immovable secured asset is to be sold: A/c No.SCL00011900016 Rs.27,27,653=00 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Three Only) as on 11.08.2023.

Demand Notice Dated : 16.08.2023 **Possession Notice Dated : 23.11.2023**

Description of immovable secured assets to be sold : All the piece and parcel of the residential site property bearing LIG No.72, PID No.152900402500204201, situated at KHB Colony, Bidadi, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara, measuring East to West 12 Meters and North to South 5 Meters, totally 60 Square meters, and bounded by the following: East by: Road, West by: House No.51 EWS, North by: House No.73 LIG, South by: House No.71 LIG.

Reserve Price : Rs.32,00,000/- **EMD Amount : Rs.3,20,000/-**

Date & Time of auction : 13.05.2024 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E auction website - https://bankauctions.in. Increment value Rs.10,000/- & such multiples, Last date for submission of EMD & e-Bid Form : On or before 11.05.2024 before 4.30 PM.

E auction website : https://bankauctions.in Contact Persons: Ashwathpura Pathina Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha, Mr. Sathish Kumar.H.S. : Ph: 9741755455 (M/s Supreme Enforcement Services). Mr. Shivashankar A. Mob : 9480401348.

Date : 04.04.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
ASHWATHPURA PATHINA SOUHARDA SAHAKARI NIYAMITHA

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE-560001

APPEAL No. 2141 / 2022

Appellant: 1. Sri. C. Ramesh S/o A.R. Chandrashekar Reddy, Aged about 63 years, No.3, 19th Cross, 17th Main, III Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102. (By Shri / Smt. Balachandra Y.S)

Respondents: 1. Mr. Paida Pranav Reddy S/o Mr. Paida, Chengalvaroya Reddy, Aged about 41 years, R/o No.3J, 101, Kristal Jasper, Kasavanahalli Village, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560035.

2. Mrs. Tanushree Shalini Thottekat S/o Mr. Paida Pranav Reddy, Aged about 45 years, R/o No.3J, 101, Kristal Jasper, Kasavanahalli Village, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560035.

Respondent No.1 & 2 are Represented by their Power of attorney holder, **Mr. P.Premachandran** S/o Late O.K.Sreedharan Nair, Aged about 69 years, Now residing at No.F2/002, Provident Welworthcity, Doddabalapura Main Road, Marasandra, Bangalore-561203.

3. M/s Kristal Projects (India) Ltd., Having its office at No.1, 4th Cross, 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076 Represented by its Director Mrs. Latha N Namboodiri W/o Sri. K.K. Namboodiri. (By Shri / Smt.)

To,

3. M/s Kristal Projects (India) Ltd., Having its office at No.1, 4th Cross, 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076. Represented by its Director Mrs. Latha N Namboodiri W/o Sri. K.K. Namboodiri.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENTS NO. 03 FOR HEARING OF APPEAL

Whereas the Appellant has filed the above appeal Challenging the order passed by the District Consumer Commission Bangalore 1st & Rural Additional in Complaint No.370/2021 Pronounced by an order dated : 30/08/2022. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Appeal on **25th Day of April Two Thousand and Twenty Four (25/04/2024) at 11.00 AM.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above Appeal will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 17th day of January Two Thousand and Twenty Four (17/01/2024).

By order of the Commission,

Advocate for Appellant:

Sd/-
ASST.REGISTRAR- CUM-ASST.ADMN. OFFICER K.S.C.D.R, BANGALORE-560001.

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Market Watch

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20.59 ▲	Sensex	74,248.22		₹490 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹70,130		₹300 ▼	1 kg	₹81,700		▼ Dollar	83.36
0.95 ▲	Nifty	22,513.70		₹450 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹64,300		₹3 ▼	10 gm	₹817		▼ Euro	90.07

Policy rate impact on bank deposits uneven

PSBs doled out the biggest rate increases for new depositors at 317 bps, higher than the 250 bps repo rate hike

SUNITHA NATTI

EVEN as we gear up for interest rate cuts, latest data confirms that the transmission of previous rate hikes, particularly, to bank deposits has been uneven and incomplete.

Of the 250 bps rate hikes since May 2022, the weighted average domestic term deposit rates (WADTDRs) on fresh and outstanding rupee deposits increased by 241 bps and 183 bps, respectively. Within retail deposits, new depositors gained over existing customers be it at public, private or foreign banks. Public sector banks doled out the biggest rate hikes for new depositors at 317 bps, higher than the 250 bps repo rate hike. Existing deposits saw a jump of 183 bps. Private banks too raised rates by 252 bps and 168 bps for both fresh and existing deposits, respectively.

The rate increase was uneven across tenors. For instance, if the 1-year time deposit rates shot up by 250 bps, 2-year and 3-year deposit rates rose only by 200 bps each. Worse, the 5-year time deposit rates increased by just 170 bps, while the 5-year recurring deposits saw even lesser transmission at 140 bps, leaving out 80 bps and 110 bps worth rate hikes pending.

Longer tenors, scanty hike

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Following RBI's rate hikes, interest rates on various small savings instruments too were cumulatively increased by 70-250 bps. Here too, transmission was incomplete. For instance, the senior citizens savings scheme, the monthly income scheme, national savings certificate and Sukanya Samruddhi scheme all saw rate hikes between 130 bps and 180 bps. The least increase was seen for public provident fund at just 70 bps.

Coming to lending rates, the weighted average lending rates (WALRs) on fresh and outstanding rupee loans increased by 185 bps and 111 bps, respectively. in the current tightening phase. Interestingly, the transmission to lending rates on fresh rupee loans for public sector banks was higher than that of private banks, while on outstanding loans, lending rates were higher among private banks, and higher than state-run banks.

DOWNSIZING

Zee to reduce 15% of workforce; likely to impact 700

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) MD & CEO Punit Goenka has initiated the process of reducing the company workforce by 15%. Zee calls the action is aimed towards arriving at a cost-effective operational model with speed and agility as the core areas of focus.

Zee has a total headcount of 4,577 employees. The job cuts are likely to affect nearly 700 employees at the company. This is one of the many actions initiated by Zee "in line with his strategic plan focused towards achieving the targeted goals for the Company" since the Japanese entertainment giant Sony decided to terminate its long pending merger earlier this year.

In less than two weeks, Zee has announced cutting down its workforce by 50% in its Technology & Innovation Centre (TIC), Bengaluru and Goenka stating that he will take a 20% pay cut.

The action followed ZEEL's 3M Program to achieve key performance metrics, including the targeted 20% EBITDA margin. To drive the 3M Program, ZEEL's Board has formed a Special Committee. Zee claims reducing manpower will further enable the Company to chart higher growth by maintaining a keen eye on Performance and Profitability, thereby seamlessly executing its strategic priorities as required for a content creation company.

"Building a simplified, lateral structure for the company will ensure that we maintain a focus on performance and profitability as the key growth drivers, and the structure proposed to the Board is in line with this core thought. The streamlined team at ZEE will maintain a sharper focus on targeting higher levels of productivity to drive growth in order to generate value for all our stakeholders going forward," said Goenka.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

BOJ HINTS AT NEAR-TERM RATE HIKE

Bank of Japan (BOJ) governor Kazuo Ueda on Friday said inflation would accelerate from "summer towards autumn" as bumper pay hikes push up prices. He hinted that another interest rate hike was possible in coming months. Ueda also said the BOJ could "respond with monetary policy" if currency moves affect inflation and wages. He suggested sharp yen falls could affect the timing of the next rate hike. In a rare mention of an explicit timing, Ueda also expects inflation to pick up "from summer towards autumn" as wage increases begin to give households purchasing power. The hawkish remarks pushed up Japan's two-year government bond yield, which is highly sensitive to BOJ policy, to 0.21 per cent, to its highest level in 13 years on Friday. The comments highlight the BOJ's conviction that rising wages and inflation will help make the case for hiking short-term rates from the current zero to 0.1 per cent level as soon as July.

THAILAND

INFLATION FALLS FOR 6TH CONSECUTIVE MONTH

Thailand's headline inflation in March fell by 0.47%, this is the decline for the sixth consecutive month. The country's consumer price index for March was 107.25, down from 107.76 in the same month last year. The fall in inflation was caused by a decline in price of fresh foods such as meat, vegetables and fruit on account of an overabundance of produce. Electricity prices have been capped at an average of 4.18 baht per kilowatt-hour since September.

Besides that, the price of energy, electricity and fuel declined in March, thanks to government subsidies. The subsidies, one of the first actions taken by Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin to address the high cost of living, have been extended every three months. Prices of electrical appliances and cleaning products continued dropping, while the prices for other goods and services moved in the normal direction. Core inflation rate, excluding fresh food and energy, rose by 0.37% in March, against the last month's rise of 0.43%.

PHILIPPINE

INFLATION QUICKENS AGAIN IN MARCH AS RICE SOARS

The annual inflation of the Philippine grew for the second straight month in March as the price of rice jumped at the fastest pace in 15 years. This may force the country's central bank to keep policy settings tight. The consumer price index increased 3.7% in March from a year earlier, the country's statistics agency said on Friday. This is a rise from the previous month's rate of 3.4%. The country's food inflation reached at 5.7%, which is the highest since November 2023. The component for ricehit 24.4% in March, its steepest rise since 24.6% in February 2009. It accounted for nearly half of the headline inflation for March. Core inflation, which strips out volatile food and energy items, eased to 3.4% in March from 3.6% in February. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will likely keep the benchmark rate unchanged next week. In February, the central bank kept its benchmark rate steady at 6.50% for a third straight meeting.

RBI allows cash deposit using UPI to enhance customer convenience

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

NOW, customers can deposit cash using Unified Payments Interface (UPI) at Cash Deposit Machines (CDMs). Given popularity of UPI, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to introduce this to enhance customer convenience and make currency handling process at banks more efficient.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said, "Given the experience gained from cardless cash withdrawal using UPI at the ATMs, it is now proposed to also facilitate deposit of cash in CDMs using UPI."

Also, the central bank will allow linking of PPIs (Prepaid Payment Instruments) through third-party UPI applications. This will enable the PPI holders to make UPI payments like bank account holders and also boost adoption of digital payments for small value transactions.

PPIs via third-party apps

RBI will allow linking of PPIs (prepaid payment instruments) via third-party UPI applications. This will enable PPI holders to make UPI payments like bank account holders and boost adoption of digital payments

Apart from these, the RBI proposed to make CBDC-Retail accessible to a broader segment of users, by enabling non-bank payment system operators to offer CBDC wallets.

Experts say all these proposals are a positive and significant step towards enhancing financial inclusion. Talking about the RBI's decision to allow third-party UPI apps for making UPI payments from PPI wallets, Rahul Jain, CFO, NTT DATA Payment Services India, said transaction volumes are further set to increase substantially, granting users a seamless, hassle-free experience for UPI transactions tailored to their convenience.

Congress manifesto promises major reforms in tax system

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE Congress, in its manifesto released on Friday, promises major reforms in the tax system. It claims that the overall tax-to-GDP hasn't increased in the last decade, leaving little room for increased expenditure.

It promises to enact a direct taxes code that will bring transparency, equity and impartial administration of taxes. The party said it would maintain stable personal income tax rates throughout its term for the benefit of salaried class and eliminate angel tax to boost investment in the new micros, small firms and innovative start-ups.

"The last 10 years of the BJP/NDA government is a case of 'taxation gone berserk'. The share of taxes paid by the common person and the poor through regressive indirect taxes has increased significantly and the share of taxes paid by corporate has decreased – the exact opposite of what a people-friendly and progressive taxation policy should be."

The party said it will replace the GST laws enacted by the government with GST 2.0 to reduce the burden on the poor. It will end "duplicitous "cess" raj of Modi government" to deny states their rightful share of tax revenues by introducing a law to limit Union cess and surcharges to 5% of gross tax revenues. It said GST will not be levied on agricultural inputs and the GST Council will be re-designed.

"The administration of GST laws will be divided horizontally between the central government and the state governments. Small GST-payers below a threshold will come under the purview of the state governments. A portion of GST revenues will be allocated to panchayats and municipalities.

Congress stated the shopkeepers and small retail businesses will be given major tax relief. The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT), the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) and the Customs Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) will be autonomous judicial bodies without interference by the government.

Forex kitty swells to all-time high of $645.58 billion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE country's foreign exchange reserves continued to strengthen for the sixth successive week, adding another $2.951 billion, taking the reserves to a new all-time of $645.583 billion for the week to March 29, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

The forex kitty had increased by $140 million to $642.631 billion in the previous reporting week. Meanwhile, the monetary policy as well as the forex accretion has had a salutory impact on the rupee, which has been under pressure for some time now, rallying 9 paise to close at 83.30 against the dollar. The rupee had plumbed to historic low of 83.48 on March 22 this year, plunging 35 paise against the American currency. Its earlier lowest closing was of 83.40 on December 13, 2023.

On Friday, the local unit opened at 83.44 against the greenback and had hit an intraday high of 83.26 and a low of 83.45. In September 2021, the forex kitty had reached an alltime high of $642.453 billion. The reserves got depleted as the central bank began to deploy the forex to defend the rupee after external pressures put the currency in a weak position.

The monetary authority uses the forex reserves to not defend the rupee but to contain volatility. For the reporting week, foreign currency assets, the major component of the reserves, rose $2.354 billion to $570.618 billion.

28 % GST on online gaming firms: SC transfers to itself pleas pending in HCs

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday in its order transferred to itself all the pending petitions in nine High Courts challenging the imposition of 28% goods and services tax (GST) on online gaming companies.

The three-judge bench of the top court, headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, and comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, passed the order of transferring all the pending pleas to it.

The apex court passed the decision after hearing the plea filed by the Centre seeking transfer of all 27 petitions pending in the high courts across India. The court would hear the petitions later on.

Many online gaming companies including Gameskraft, Dream 11 and Games 24x7 also moved their respective appeals before the court challenging the GST imposition. In its 50th meeting in the GST Council held July last year, it was decided to tax online gaming at 28% on full face value with no distinction between games of skill and chance. Similarly, casinos and horse racing will be taxed at 28%. The new tax rate came into effect from October 1, 2023.

Cos oppose 28% GST

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The companies opposed the levy of 28% GST on them, because earlier they were paying GST at the rate of 18% on gross gaming revenue (GGR).

In September, GST field officers issued notices of over ₹1.12 lakh crore to online gaming companies for alleged tax evasion, prompting legal challenges.

Sanlam raises stake in Shriram insurance arms to over 50%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

SOUTH AFRICAN financial services major Sanlam Group, which has a joint venture with Chennai-based Shirram group for its insurance ventures, has bought out the stake held by PE major TPG in both general and life insurance entities for an undisclosed sum. With this, the group increased its holding in these companies to over 50%.

In a statement on Friday, Sanalm said its wholly-owned subsidiary Sanlam Emerging Markets Mauritius, has agreed to buy the stakes that TPG India Investments has been holding in the insurance verticals of the Shriram group.

TPG held 6.29% in Shriram General Insurance and 7.04% in Shriram Life. TPG entered the Shriram Group holding firm Shriram Capital in 2011 by investing ₹795 crore. But after the merger of the finance verticals of the group, the PE got these stake being sold now in these two entities, a company source told this newspaper.

It said raising stakes in these JV recognises India as a core market and strategic pillar to achieving long term earnings growth and sustainable shareholder value creation for them.

EXPRESS READ

Bharti Hexacom IPO subscribed 30 times

NEW DELHI: The initial public offering (IPO) of Bharti Hexacom, a subsidiary of Bharti Airtel, received a solid response as it was subscribed 29.88 times on April 5, the final day of bidding. On the last day of the bidding, the initial public offering (IPO) garnered bids for 1,23,24,80,470 shares against the 4,12,50,000 shares on sale, resulting in a 28.88 times subscription. Company aimed to raise ₹4,275 crore through the IPO, which was entirely an offer-for-sale (OFS) of 7,50,00,000 equity shares. The price band was set between ₹542 and ₹570 per share. Bidding opened on Wednesday, April 3, and concluded on April 5. Retail investors subscribed to their allocated portion 2.83 times. *ENS*

Bandhan Bank chief executive Chandra Shekhar Ghosh quits

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIVATE sector lender Bandhan Bank, first MF microlender to become a commercial bank, on Friday said its founder, MD and CEO Chandra Shekhar Ghosh has tendered his resignation.

Ghosh will leave the bank, started as an NGO and then as a microfinancier in 2009 and as bank since 2014, as its managing director and chief executive on completion of his current tenure on July 9, 2024, the bank said in an exchange filing.

"After leading the bank for almost a decade, including three consecutive tenures as MD & CEO, I feel that the time has now come for me to assume a larger strategic role at Bandhan group level," Ghosh said in a letter addressed to the board. He said post retirement he will assume a larger strategic role at Bandhan group level. With the objective of helping the deprived and underbanked section of society, especially women, he started the NGO 23 years ago and in 2009, he registered Bandhan as a non-banking finance company and come 2014, it became the first microfinance lender to receive a banking licence.

Apple lays off more than 600 employees in the US

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

APPLE INC recently laid off more than 600 employees in California, the US, a move linked to the company's decision to discontinue its car project and in-house efforts to build Apple Watch displays.

Both projects were shelved in February 2024. The car project's cancellation stemmed from executive indecision regarding its direction and mounting cost concerns. Similarly, the smartwatch display programme faced engineering hurdles, supplier challenges, and ultimately proved too expensive to continue. This information comes from WARN notices, or worker adjustment and retraining notification filings, submitted by Apple to the California Employment Development Department.

These filings are required by law when a company conducts mass layoffs. To comply with the regulations, Apple filed eight separate reports, each detailing layoffs at a specific California location. Nearly 87 of the affected employees worked at a facility dedicated to Apple's next-generation screen development, while others were located for the car project.

The brunt of the layoffs impacted Apple's main car-related office in Santa Clara, California, where 371 employees were let go. Dozens more working in satellite offices also lost their jobs. However, some members of the car team were reportedly reassigned to other areas within Apple, including artificial intelligence and personal robotics.

It's important to note that the WARN notices might not capture the full scope of job reductions. Apple likely had engineers working on these projects in other locations, such as Arizona. Historically, layoffs haven't been a common occurrence at Apple, unlike other tech giants like Alphabet, Amazon, and Microsoft.

Car, watch display units impacted

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, the constructive/ physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** on **02.05.2024**, for recovery of **Rs.8,44,74,021.77 (Rupees Eight Crores Fourty Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Twenty One and Paisa Seventy seven only)** due to **"The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd"**, Secured Creditor from **(1) M/s. Sri Nandi Buildcon,** A Partnership Firm, Formerly known as M/s. Sri Nandi Green Solar, Having office at No.411, 4th Floor A Wing, Mittal Towers M G Road, Bangalore-560001; **(2) Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sekar (Partner),** Residing at C 501, Salarpuria Serenity, 5th Main, HSR Layout Sector 7, Bangalore-560102 and **(3) Mr. Shankar Suresh (Partner),** Residing at No. 33 22nd Main, Padmanabha Nagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070. The reserve price for **Schedule A** will be **Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five lakhs only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand only).** Reserve price for **Schedule B** will be **Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five lakhs only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand only).** Reserve price for **Schedule C** will be Rs.35,00,000/- **(Rupees Thirty Five lakhs only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand only).** Reserve price for **Schedule D** will be **Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five lakhs only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand only).** Reserve price for **Schedule E** will be **Rs.40,00,000 /- (Rupees Forty lakhs only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs only).**

Description of the Immovable property: __Schedule A__ : Residential vacant land (Non-Agri) situated at site No.392,panchayath Katha No. 773/392, Oxigen layout, Sy No.68/3, 68/4, 69/2, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97/1, 97/2, 97/3, 97/4 and 98/1, Gudigattanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2400 sqft; Bounded on East By: Site No. 391; West By:Site No. 393; North By: Site No.388, South By: Panchayath Road.

__Schedule B__ : Residential vacant land (Non-Agri) situated at site No.393, panchayath katha No.773/393,Oxigen layout, Sy No. 68/3, 68/4, 69/2, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97/1, 97/2, 97/3, 97/4 and 98/1, Gudigattanahalli village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2400 sqft; Bounded on: East By: Site No. 392; West By: Site No.394; North By: Site No.387&388; South By: Panchayath Road.

__Schedule C__ : Residential vacant land (Non-Agri) situated at site No.394, panchayath katha No.774/394,Oxigen layout, Sy No.68/3, 68/4, 69/2, 91, 92, 95, 96,97/1,97/2,97/3,97/4 and 98/1, Gudigattanahalli village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2400 sqft Bounded on : East By: Site No. 393; West By: Site No.395; North By: Site No.386 & 387 and South By:Panchayath Road.

__Schedule D__ : Residential vacant land (Non-Agri) situated at site No.395, panchayath katha No.775/395, Oxigen layout, Sy No.68/3, 68/4, 69/2, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97/1,97/2,97/3,97/4 and 98/1, Gudigattanahalli village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2400 sqft; Bounded on: East By: Site No. 394; West By: Site No.396; North By: Site No.385 & 386; South By:Panchayath Road.

__Schedule E__ : Residential vacant land (Non-Agri) situated at site No.448, panchayath katha No.830/448, Oxigen layout, Sy No.68/3, 68/4, 69/2, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97/1,97/2,97/3,97/4 and 98/1, Gudigattanahalli village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2739 sqft; Bounded on: East By: Site No. 453; West By: Panchayath Road; North By: Panchayath Road, South By: Site No.449.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.comof the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 04.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

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BRIEF CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-I

1. On behalf of President of India, item rate tender is invited for the following work.

Description	Details
Name of work	Replacement & Re-Insulation of Chilled Water Pipelines in Main Campus and ISITE Campus, URSC Bangalore
E-Tender Notice	URSC/C and MG/ACMD/1039/ETN-58A/2023-24 Dt.28.02.2024.
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 66.16 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	**E-Tender**
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	09 Months / 270 Days
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended upto 16:30 Hrs. on 18.04.2024
Bid clarification	Extended upto 17:00 Hrs. on 19.04.2024
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification.	Upto 17.00hrs on 22.04.2024
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Upto 14:30 Hrs. on 29.04.2024
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	After 15:00 Hrs. on 29.04.2024
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 1,32,320/- (Valid for 180 days)**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Director, (Construction & Maintenance Group)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOW TO ALL MEN that, my clients, Sri. Muniyappa H, S/o Kariyappa, aged about 51 years & Smt. Vishalakshi V, w/o Muniyappa H, aged about 43 years, both r/at No.6, 2nd Main Road, Babusahebara Palya, Kengeri, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560 060, intend to purchase the property which is fully described in the schedule given hereunder from Smt.Sridevi V.S, w/o Chethan Kumar, aged about 32 years, and Sri. Chethan Kumar K, S/o late Kanakaraj, aged about 42 years, both r/at No.25, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Vinayakanagar, K.S. Town, Bengaluru-560 060 and accordingly entered into an Agreement of Sale, dtd: 28.03.2024.

Any person/Govt./Local Bodies claiming any right, title or interest over the said property may inform the same to my client or his counsel, in writing within 15 days from today.

If objections are not received within that date my client will go ahead with the purchase and no further objection will be valid after that.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of northern portion of Property No.24, BBMP Khata No.167/1/117/24 (Old Khata No.117/24), Measuring East to West: towards North side 43 feet, towards South Side 32.6 feet and North to South: towards East Side 23 feet and towards west side 20 feet, totally measuring 812 sq. ft, along with 3100 sq.ft. RCC roofed House Building (GF 650 feet; FF 650 feet; SF 650 feet, TF 650 feet & FF 650 feet) with vitrified tiles with all civic amenities, situated at Valagerehalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the limits of BBMP Ward No.130-Ulalu and is bounded on:

On or towards East by : Road, On or towards West by : Property No.23, On or towards North by : Property No.26 & 25, On or towards South by : Southern portion of same Site No.24

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Place: Bengaluru Date: 06.04.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, M. Vijay S/o S.Mayanna, R/at : No.33, 9th Cross, 1st Main Road, Bapuji Nagara, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560026. lost original property document on dated 01.10.2023, document details, i.e., **Name of Document / BDA Site Katha No.76, Document No. 76/2012/2013.**

A Complaint is lodged in Bangalore City Police on dated 25.10.2023. Lost Report No.0780371 /2023, Finders may return the above said Police Station or contact this below Mob No.9880288694.

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, Thiruvananthapuram-27
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Sealed tenders are invited for the **Printing and Supply of "High Security"Document.**

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Last date of submission of bids: **12.04.2024 03.00 PM.** Tender will be opened on the same day at 03.30 PM

05.04.2024 Registrar, C-DIT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of our client **Mr. AFTAB PEERAN,** that the **Original Sale Deed dated 03/08/2013**, entered **by and between, M/s. Chaitanya Properties Pvt Ltd., represented by GPA Holder, M/s. Prestige Estates Projects Pvt Ltd., and M/s. Prestige Estates Projects Pvt Ltd., in favour Mr. AFTAB PEERAN,** for the Property being a residential apartment bearing No. 8184 situated on 18th Level of Block 8- "Hudson Haven" in **"PRESTIGE SHANTINIKETAN"** measuring **5148 Sq. Ft.,** of super built up area, **1791 Sq. Ft.,** undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land with right to use **Three Covered Car Parking** Space bearing No.**1524, 1525 & 1526** in the Basement Level located in Hoodi and Sadaramangala, Whitefield Sub-Division, Bangalore, has been lost/misplaced by our client **Mr. AFTAB PEERAN,** for which the undersigned has registered an appropriate Lost Article complaint vide **e-Lost Report No. 1003592/2024 on : 05/04/2024** with Karnataka State Police (Bangalore City unit).

If anyone finds these document, please return it to the undersigned party. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the above-mentioned missing documents without approval of our client. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using these missing documents, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within **7 days** from the day of this paper publication after which no claim shall be entertained by our clients.

Sd/- **Anupam Agarwal**
RAMNIWAS SURAJMAL (Advocates & Solicitors)
No. 511, 5th Floor, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower,
M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001.
Phone No.: 9740645762
Email: anupam@rslegal.in
Place: Bangalore Date: 06/04/2024

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** the constructive/ physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **06.05.2024 for recovery of Rs. 1,04,82,960.69 /- (Rupees One Crore Four Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Paisa Sixty Nine only)** due to "The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd", Secured Creditor from **Shri. BHASKAR G N** S/o Mr. Nagaiah, residing at A88/155/2, 1st Cross,Chikkabeguru,Begur, Bangalore-560068. The reserve price will be **Rs.51,00,000/-(Rupees Fifty One Lakhs only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.5,10,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs and Ten Thousand only)**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential apartment bearing Flat no. 303 (2 BHK), in Second floor, west facing, measuring, 1200 sqft of super builtup area, in the apartment building known as "DEVI GRAND VIEW" together with 223 sqft of undivided share situated at Site No. 19 and 20, old Khatha No. 24/1 & 24/2 then BBMP Khatha No. 998/24/1/19 and 987/38/24/1/24/2/20, present Khatha No. 998/24/1/24/2/19 & 20 Uttarahalli, Puttenahalli Ward No. 187, Sarakkikere, Bangalore, On the East by :Private Property, On the West by: Corridor, On the North by: Flat No. 304, On the South by: Private Property.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 04.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Please take notice that my client Mrs. Nagarathna wife of Mr. Rajendran N S, has entered into negotiations with Mr. Mohammed Rafee and his family members who are legal heirs of Mr. Mohammed Ummer and Mrs. Zahida Begum (Owners), for the purchase of the residential site described in Schedule (herein after referred to as the "said property"), owned and occupied by the Owners more particularly described in the "Schedule" written hereunder.

In view of the above, my aforementioned client hereby give notice to the public at large and calls upon all or any person/s who have any right, title, interest in the said property prejudicial to the interest of the Owners and/or who have already filed any suit, claim, dispute, petition, appeal or other like proceedings or obtained any decree, award or other order concerning the subject matter of the said property or who intend to file any such proceedings as described above for enforcing their right in the said property, to submit all their objections and claims in writing along with supportive documentary proofs thereof, to the undersigned within a period of **fifteen (15) days** of the date of publication of this notice, failing which we will presume that no adverse claims or objections concerning the said property exist or if they do exist, they stand waived hereinafter; and in such event we will proceed to complete the transaction of sale as envisaged by both the parties. Please note.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of site bearing No. 472, Palace Upper Orchard Extension, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 Ft., and North to South 51 Ft, together will all rights, appurtenences whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:

East : Site No. 473.
West : Site No. 471
North : Road.
South : Site No. 463

Vivek Raviprakash, Advocate
Spandana Law Associates, 312/A,
1st Floor, 1st Main, 8th Block, Jayanagar,
Bengaluru 560070
Email – vivekadvocate541@gmail.com
Place: Bengaluru Dated: 05-04-2024

ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

Registered Office- Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat- 362266. Branch office at Star Avenue, No.1(78), 3rd Floor, 6th Cross Street, Victoria Layout, Victoria Road, Beside Vijaya Bank, Bangalore- 560025

__APPENDIX IV__
__[See Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]__
__Possession Notice (for Immovable Property)__

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a **demand notice dated 13-07-2021 calling upon the borrowers Mr. Rajesh. M , Mr. Mahadevaiah , Mr. Mahadevamma, M/S. Nethravathi Enterprises mentioned in the notice being of Rs. 59,26,884.05/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lacs Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four and Five Paisa Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act. read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **on this 03rd day of April of the year, 2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited for an amount of **Rs. 59,26,884.05/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lacs Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four and Five Paisa Only)** and interest thereon. Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the Act., in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

__DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY__

All The Piece And Parcel of Property bearing site No. 11, Katha No. 433 , Old Katha No. 14/1 , Assessment No. 14 then 14/1A , Presently 14/1A2 situated at Malagala Village , Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk , measuring East to West 42 feet and North to south on the Eastern Side 48feet ,on Western Side 39 feet in all measuring 1827 Sq. Feet and Bounded on the **North** by Road **South** by Property No. 10 **East** by Property No. 1 **West** by Road.

Date: 03.04.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited**

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **09.05.2024** for recovery of **Rs. 1,39,62,655.72 /- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Nine Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Five and Paisa Seventy Two only)** due to "The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd", Secured Creditor from **(1) M/s. Esskays Clothing,** New No.4, Old No.1500, Roopa Avenue, Situated At South End, Jayanagar 9th Block, Near Ragigudda, B Road, Bangalore-560069, **(2) Mr. S. Swaminathan,** S/o. Mr. Subramanian, No. 178, Block No. 18, 24th Main, 9th Cross, R V Dental College, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Jeevan Mithra, Bangalore- 560078 and **(3) Mrs. Shruthi Swaminathan (Guarantor),** W/o. Mr. S. Swaminathan, No. 178, Block No. 18, 24th Main, 9th Cross R V Dental College, J P Nagar, 1st Phase Jeevan Mithra, Bangalore-560078. The reserve price will be **Rs. 32,00,000/-(Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 3,20,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs and Twenty Thousand only)**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential building bearing Flat No.C6, 2nd Floor, Block No.C, Door No.77, of the building known as Ananthi Flats with a super built up area of 650 Sqft and 406 Sqft of undivided share in the property situated at R.S No.298/5C, Village No.111, Pillayar Koil Street, Jafferkhanpet, Kodampakkam, Chennai District bounded by : North by: Property belonging to Shanmuga Mudaliyar, South by: Pillayar koil Street Road, East by: Property belonging to Shanmuga Mudaliyar, West by: Property belonging to Mnicka Naicker,

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 04.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I am the Trustee of **M/s. BALAJI MATHA** intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from its owner, Sri. Nagaraj S/o. Late K. Ramaiah and Smt. Choodamani .R, W/o. Nagaraj. It is represented that apart from the owner, there are no other person/s having any right, title, interest or minor's claims, share, encumbrances etc, of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property and they are not mortgaged, charged, sold, transferred, or encumbered the Schedule Property or part thereof in any manner. It is further represented that the owners have not entered into any Agreement of Sale / Development Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding / Arrangement etc., and/or have executed any power of Attorney and/or any such arrangement with any person/s with regard to the Schedule Property or part thereof where by the owners are restrained from entering in to any Agreements of Sale and/or conveyance in favour any third parties. If any person/s having any objection/s or claims with respect of the sale and transfer of the Schedule Property may with documentary evidence lodge their objection / claim within seven (7) days from the date of this notice with the Undersigned, failing which, they shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction and claim/s if any shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.74, measuring 5 acres 04 guntas out of 10 acres 18 guntas, (0.08 guntas Kharab) and (A Kharab measuring 5 acres 06 guntas) situated at Basavenahalli Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, bounded on the :-

East by : Property belongs to Maraiah, West by : Property belongs to Kunnappa, North by : Government Road and Kunnappa Property, South by : Property belongs to Parvathamma.

NARENDRA .M.R
Trustee of Balaji Matha (R), No. 94, 3rd Cross, 2nd Stage, 9th Block, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560 072.
Mobile : 9844515266, 7760883747

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL COURT, AT BENGALURU (III ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE) (CCH-25)

P & SC. No. 86/2024

BETWEEN: Sri. R.N. Sangeetha D/o. R.S. Nagendra, Aged about 26 years, R/at: No. 14, 3rd 'A' Cross, Bande Ganapathi Temple Street, S.V.G. Nagar, Moodalayapalya, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 072. **...Petitioner**

AND: NIL ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the Petitioner above named have made to this Court a petition under Section 272, 273 and 276 of Indian Succession Act of 1925, for grant of probate in favour of the Petitioner in respect of the schedule mentioned hereunder. The below mentioned schedule was held by Ms. Anita M.S., W/o. Late H.A. Prakash expired on 16.12.2023. Interested parties are hereby made to appear in this court **on 26.04.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** in person by pleader duly instructed to show cause against the Petitioner, failing wherein, the appearance will be heard and declared exparte.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing K H B No. 13 present corporation No. 371/3 situated at 8th Cross, L.I.G. Layout, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore 560011. Measuring East to West 45 Sq.ft, North to South 60 Sq.ft bounded on:

East By : Property No. 12, West By : Property No.14, North By : Property No. 2, South By : Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing New Municipal No. 3/2 formed out of the Northern part of the Ground Floor of Schedule 'A' property, K.H.B. No. 13, present Corporation No.371/3, situated at 8th Cross, L.I.G. Layout, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bengaluru - 560 011, measuring to an extent of 875 Sq.ft. and bounded on: East by : Property No. 12, West by : Property No. 14, North by : Property No. 2, South by : Road.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 27th day of March 2024.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner :
Sri. M.K. Raghavendra,
M.K.R. and Associates
Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.33/2, First Floor, A.P.R. Enclave,
Opp. to D-Mart, D.C. Halli Main Road,
Kodichikkanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 076.
M : 7899523252

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

IDFC FIRST Bank

(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

__NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002__

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	38941256	Home Loan	1. Anil Kumar T 2. Manjula D Anil Kumar	31.01.2024	INR 1,49,86,171.11/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Site No. 771 In The Layout Formed By M/s Hmt Employees' Co-operative Housing Building Society Ltd., At Land Bearing Sy Nos. 1/3a, 48/1 & 2, 49, 50/2 To 5, 51/8, 52/1, 53/1 & 2, 54/1 To 10, 55/1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4 & 5, 56/1 To 4, 57, 58, 59/1 & 2, 60, 61, 62/1 & 2, 63/1 To 4, 64, 66, 67/3 Of Nagasandra Village And 5/1, 5/2, 6/7 To 10, 7, 8/1, 8/2, 9/1, 9/2, 9/3, 10/1, 10/2, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 12/1 To 5 & 13/1 Of Nelakadirenahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Within Revenue Jurisdiction Of BBMP, Bangalore, Karnataka-560073, Dimensions East To West: 50 Feet And North To South 80 Feet, Total Measuring 4000 Sq. Ft., And Bounded As : **East : Site No. 772, West : Site No. 770, North : Road, South : Site No. 760**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** . Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
Date : 06.04.2024 **(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited**
Place : Bangalore **and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)**

Central Bank of India

ಸೆಂಟ್ರಲ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ / सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया / Central Bank of India

Regional Office, 2nd Floor, Grand Mejestic Mall, No. 12, 2nd Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560009.

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Central Bank of India requires premises admeasuring 167.23 sq.m (1800 sq.ft) carpet area in ready possession / ready for possession within 3 months at **Electronic City** preferably on the ground floor with adequate parking space for their Electronic City Branch / Office. No brokers or intermediaries please. Priority will be accorded to Government / Semi Govt. bodies or public sector undertakings. Kindly download the formats / terms and conditions from the website **http://www.centralbankofindia.co.in** or collect the same from Central Bank of India, Regional Office at Second floor of Grand Majestic Mall, Gandhinagar, Bangalore during office hours. The last date for submission of offers is **20.04.2024 up to 04.00 p.m**

Central Bank of India requires premises admeasuring 120.77 sq.m (1300 sq.ft) carpet area in ready possession / ready for possession within 3 months at **Sarjapur** preferably on the ground floor with adequate parking space for their Sarjapur Branch / Office. No brokers or intermediaries please. Priority will be accorded to Government / Semi Govt. bodies or public sector undertakings. Kindly download the formats / terms and conditions from the website **http://www.centralbankofindia.co.in** or collect the same from Central Bank of India, Regional Office at Second floor of Grand Majestic Mall, Gandhinagar, Bangalore during office hours. The last date for submission of offers is **20.04.2024 up to 04.00 p.m.**

Central Bank of India requires premises admeasuring 167.23 sq.m (1800 sq.ft) carpet area in ready possession / ready for possession within 3 months at **White field** preferably on the ground floor with adequate parking space for their White Field Branch / Office. No brokers or intermediaries please. Priority will be accorded to Government / Semi Govt. bodies or public sector undertakings. Kindly download the formats / terms and conditions from the website **http://www.centralbankofindia.co.in** or collect the same from Central Bank of India, Regional Office at Second floor of Grand Majestic Mall, Gandhinagar, Bangalore during office hours. The last date for submission of offers is **20.04.2024 up to 04.00 p.m.**

Regional Head : Central Bank of India

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing No. 158, Khatha No. 162, measuring East to West 85 feet and North to South 45 feet, admeasuring 3825 sqft formed in converted land in Sy No. 183 as per orders dated 15.09.2008 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore vide Order No ALN (A) (K) S.R 44/2008-09, wherein an approval has been accorded by the BMRDA vide its Sanction Letter bearing No. LAO 56/2008-09 dated 28.01.2009 situated at Thattanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bnaglore Rural District; Bounded on: East By: Sy No 184, West By: Site No. 157, North By: Site No. 149 and South By: Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

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Date : 05.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

RBL BANK LTD

RBL BANK

Registered Office: 1st Lane, Shahpuri, Kolhapur-416001
Branch Office: RBL BANK LTD at 3rd Floor, Prestige Towers, 99 & 100, Residency Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560025

__SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE__

The Authorised officer of **RBL Bank Ltd.** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notice** calling upon Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **RBL Bank Ltd.** has **taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules as per detail below:

Sl. No.	Name and Loan Account Number of the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors	Amount Due (Rs.)	Details of the immovable property for which symbolic possession is taken	Date of symbolic possession / Demand Notice date
1	**1) M/s. Sri Lakshmi Develpoers (Borrower),** Rep. by its Prop. **Mr. Venkatesh Naidu,** No.25, GF, 18th Main, 6th Cross, Narayana Gowda Layout, Taverekere BTM, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029. 2) **Mr. Venkaesh Naidu (Co-Borrower & Mortgager),** No.47/48, II Cross, 8th Main Road, Narayana Gowda Layout, BTM I Stage, Taverekere, Bangalore-560029. **3) Mrs. Tejavathi (Co-Borrower),** No.47/48, II Cross, 8th Main Road, Narayana Gowda Layout, BTM I Stage, Taverekere, Bangalore-560029.	**Rs. 1,63,70,697.95 as on 16.12.2023** together with interest at contractual rate, (till complete payment) and incidental expenses thereon	All that part and parcel of property bearing House list No.1/A, Gramatana Khatha No.988, Old No.353/25, of Sarakki Group Panchayath, situated at Haraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the limits of BBMP and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.3, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Vacant Land, **South by:** House of Siddadri Naidu. Property measuring East to West : 60+40/2 Ft North to South: 60 Feet, in total admeasuring 3000 Sq.ft. The property belongs to **Mrs. Tejavathi K**	**04.04.2024** Demand Notice date **19.12.2023**
2	**1) M/s. Basaveshwara Traders (Borrower),** Rep. by its Prop. **Mr. Naveen Chandra J,** No.103, Byrathi, Hennur Main Road, Doddagubbi, Bangalore-562149. **2) Mr. Naveen Chandra J (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor),** No.172, 14th Cross, KK Halli, H.M. Road, ST Thomas Town, Bangalore-560084. **Also at:** New No.38/A, Kacharakana Halli, Ward No.8, Kacharakana Halli, Bangalore-560084. **3) Mrs. Sushma Naveen,** No.172, 14th Cross, KK Halli, H.M. Road, St Thomas Town, Bangalore-560084.	**Rs. 3,11,27,955.12 as on 04.04.2024** together with interest at contractual rate, (till complete payment) and incidental expenses thereon	All that piece and parcel of portion of property bearing Municipal New No.38/A, Kacharakana Halli Village, Ward No.89, Kacharakana Halli, PID No.89/93/38/A, Now called Devarajeevanahalli, presently comes under the limits of BBMP. __Item No.1:__ Measuring 48*53 Feet: **East by:** Property belonging to Sri Bidrahalli Nanjappa, **West by:** Property belonging to Sri Padmanabhaiah, **North by:** House property belonging to Sri C. Jayachandra, house property belonging to Smt. L. Padmanahalli Munishamappa, **South by:** Common passage and property of Sri Padmanahalli Munishamappa. Measuring East to West 48 Feet, North to South 53 Feet. __Item No.2:__ Measuring 28*40 Feet: **East by:** Property belonging to Sri Bidrahalli Nanjappa, **West by:** Property belonging to Sri Subhadramma, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Portion of property sold to Sri C. Jayachandra. Measuring East to West 28 Feet, North to South 40 Feet. The property belongs to **Mr. Naveen Chandra J.**	**04.04.2024** Demand Notice date **03.10.2023**

The Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **RBL Bank Ltd.**

Place: Bangalore, Date: 06.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised officer, RBL Bank Ltd.**

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(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
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Bangalore-560057. Ph: 8355816601,
E-mail: ubin0816604@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Dasarahalli Branch, Bangalore** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices dated calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.

1. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers: 1(a). Mr.Ranganatha H T S/o Mr. Hochihallianjenappa **1(b) Mrs. Manjula BN** W/o Mr. Ranganatha H T both are residing at Site No 12, Katha No 11/3, Thotadaguddahalli, Sivakumarswamy layout, Sasanapura hobli, Bangalore 560073.

Demand notice dated : 29.01.2024 Possession Notice Date : 05.04.2024

Total amount mentioned in the notice: A/c No. 166030100015404 Rs 7,21,819.72 (Rupees Seven Lakhs twenty one thousand eight hundred nineteen and paise seventy two only) as on **08.01.2024** together with further interest and charges expenses thereon.

Description of Secured Assets : All the piece and parcel of immovable property (Land and Building) belonging to Mr Ranganatha HT (Owner of the property) – situated at Site no 12, Katha No 11/3 and 56, Thotadaguddahalli, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore north taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 35 Ft and North to South 20 ft and bounded on : East by: Remaining Portion of Same property, West by : 18 feet Road, North by : Property No 11, South by : Property No 13.

2. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers: 1(a). Mr.Jayashankar S S/o Mr. Shanmugham **1(b) Mrs. Gomathi D** W/o Mr. S Jayashankar both are residing at No.59, Near Govt School, Abbigere, Chickkabanavara Post, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North - 560090.

Demand notice dated : 29.01.2024 Possession Notice Date : 05.04.2024

Total amount mentioned in the notice: **A/c No. 166030100024177, Rs 16,57,827.70** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs fifty seven thousand eight hundred twenty seven and paise seventy only) as on **08.01.2024** together with further interest and charges expenses thereon.

Description of Secured Assets : Urban Land- Belonging to Mr. S Jayashankar S/o Shanmugham - All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.22 Formed in Sy No.69 situated at Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore -560015 measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 30 ft and bounded on : East by : Site No.09, West by : By Road, North by : Site No.21, South by : Site No.23.

The above borrowers / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Dasarahalli Branch, Bangalore,** for the amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued thereon cost.

Date : 05.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Union Bank of India**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my client **PULOK PAUL,** aged about 40 years, S/o Mr Promesh Paul, R/at Flat No.303, No.B-6/1, Plumeria Street, Ramanashree California, Ananathapura village, Ananathapura Bangalore 560 064, intend to purchase the schedule property from SRIPATHI KAMPA KRISHNA, S/o K. Krishna Hebbar, Sri Kiran, R/at Arvathokl village & Post, Madikere Taluk, Kodagu District, Aruvathoklu, Kodadu, Karnataka 571201. Aadhar Card No.4354 0400 9470. That he has purchase residential site bearing No.497,measuring East to west: 12.196 Mtrs and North to South: 18.293 Mtrs, situated at "Akash Vihar" Layout, Harohalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, earlier Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560 064. Any person, Banks, Financial institutions having any claim, title or interest in the schedule property may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof in support of his/her/its claim. If no claim is lodged with me within a period of **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication, it shall be presumed that, SRIPATHI KAMPA KRISHNA, is having clear and a marketable title to the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential property bearing No.497, formed in the converted Land bearing Sy No.3/3, 3/4, 4/1, 4/2, 5/1, 5/2, 9/1B, 9/2, 10/1, 10/2A, 100/1, 100/2, 101, 102, 103/1, 103/2, 104/1, 104/2, 104/3A, 104/3B, 105/1A, 105/1B, 105/2, 105/3, 106, 107/1, 108/1, 108/2, 108/3, 109, 110/1, 110/2, 111/2, 111/3, 111/6, 112/1, 112/2, 112/3, 112/5, 112/6, 113/1, 113/2, 114/1, 114/2, 115/1, 115/2, 115/3A, 115/3B, 115/4A, 115/4B, 115/5, 115/6, 116/1, 116/2, 116/3, 117, 120, 123/1A1a, 123/1a1b, 123/1a2, 123/1B, 123/2A, 123/2B, 123/3, 123/4, 124, 125, 126/5, 126/6 & 126/7, converted for agricultural to Non-agricultural purposes, (vide official Memorandum bearing No.ALN.SR/(NA) 48/2000-01, dated 08/09/2000, issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District) situated at 2nd cross, 14th main, "Akash Vihar" Harohalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, earlier Bangalore North Taluk, Now Yelahanka Taluk, presently comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, ward No.02, measuring East to West: 12.96 Mtrs or 40.0 Feet and North to South: 18.293 Mtrs or 60.0 feet in all measuring 223.10 Square Mtrs of 2400 Sq feet, and bounded on the: **East by:** Site bearing No.496, **West by:** 40 feet Road, **North by:** 40 feet Road, **South by:** Site Nos.475 & 476.

RAJASHEKARA .K, Advocate
No.39/1, 1st Floor, Chamber No. 13, ASVNV Centenary, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560009.
Mob: 9449676257.
E-mail: reedy7858@gmail.com
Date: 05/04/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Mrs. R. SUGUNA SHASHIDHAR**, W/o. Late N. G. Shashidhar, aged about 52 Years, residing at #150, 'HARICHITTA', 2nd Main, 5th Cross, 1st Block, Vasantha Vallabha Nagar, Vasanthapura, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore-61, is an absolute owner in possession of House List No. 150, Khata No. 30/5, at Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, BSTQ, Bangalore, measuring 22'x40', earlier Subramanyapura Gram Panchayath, now under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, i.e., Schedule Property.

My client had lost one of the Original Title Deed in chain i.e., Sale Deed dated 10.12.1998, registered as No. BNG(U)-KNGR-7644/1998-99, registered on 19.12.1998, at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore during transit on 04.04.2024 at VV Puram Food Street, while visiting the Bank for Loan Purpose. Inspite of her several efforts, the above original is not been traced out by her so far. Hence, my client had lodged online complaint vide Lost Report No. 1003765/2024 on 05.04.2024, Bangalore City, KSP.

If anybody is having any claim / obligations / custody over the above mentioned original document or if any finds the same, they shall communicate / contact / return to us at the below mentioned address.

LEELA ASSOCIATES
SRIHARSHA DEVARAJ - ADVOCATE
#569/1, New No.11, Burugal Mutt Road, VV Puram, Blore-560 004. Ph:8722371981.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **KIRAN.B**, intent to purchase the North Eastern Portion of Vacant Site bearing **No. 5**, Municipal khatha No. 515, then BBMP khatha No. 290/1096/828/515. Present BBMP Katha No. 1269/1096/828/515 Situated at **Meghal Street (Meghal Beedi), Kengeri, Bangalore,** BBMP Ward No. 159, measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 44 Feet, in all measuring **1320 Square feet**, Which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder, from the Vendor LINGARAJAPPA, and also entered into a Sale Agreement dated 04-04-2024.

Therefore, any person or persons, institutions, Organization, and Financial institutions having any manner of right, title, interest, claim or demand in respect of the Schedule Property stated hereunder may file their written objections along with evidentiary proof before the undersigned within **10 days** from the application of this Public Notice failing which my client shall construe that there is no form of encumbrance or objection of any sort from anyone to the said Transaction and complete the Sale Transaction free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the North Eastern portion of the Vacant Site bearing **No. 5**, Municipal khatha No. 515, then BBMP khatha No. 290/1096/828/515. Present BBMP Katha No. 1269/1096/828/515 Situated at **Meghal Street (Meghal Beedi), Kengeri, Bangalore,** BBMP Ward No. 159, measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 44 Feet, in all measuring **1320 Square feet,** and bounded as follows :- **East by : Road, West by : Remaining Portion of Property bearing Site No. 5 belongs to Smt.Kishwer Khaliq, North by: Road, South by: Remaining Portion of Property bearing Site No. 5 belongs to Smt.Kishwer Khaliq.**

D.R MANJUNATH SWAMY, Advocate
Roll No. Kar/2746/02
No. 1019/A, 2nd Main, Service Road,
Vijayanagar, Bangalore-40. M : 9845132585
Bangalore Date : 06-04-2024

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL SMALL CAUSES COURT JUDGES (SCCH-20) AT DRAFT FOR PUBLISHING PROCLAMATION U/S. 82 Cr.P.C MAYOHALL, AT BENGALURU

CC NO. 52244/2017

BETWEEN: **ONE AD Display Pvt Ltd.**, NO. 26, 1st Floor, 13th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore 560052
Rep by: Authorised Signatory Mr. Surajit Muley
COMPLAINANT

AND 1. **Sylcon Retail Venture Corporate Head Quarters,** PKV Building, 1st Floor, Near Govt. Hospital, Market Road, Ernakulam, Kerala, Rep by its Chairman. **2. Mr. Shiraj K.V Propritor** Sylcon Retail Venture Corporate Head Quarters, PKV Building, 1st Floor, Near Govt. Hospital, Market Road, Ernakulam Kerala. **3. Sylcon Retail Venture** Old No. 104,105,106, New No.71,72,73, Commercial Street, Bangalore. Rep by: Its Manager. **4. M/s Hamraz Shoes.** PKV Building, 1st Floor, Near Govt. Hospital, Market Road, Ernakulam, **5. Kerala. Rep by Its manager.** M/s Neha Leathers PKV Building, 1st Floor, Near Govt. Hospital, Market Road, Ernakulam, Kerala. Rep by Its manager.
Accused.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The above named Complainant have filed a complaint Under Section 138 of NI Act 1881, 200 of CRPC 1973 before this Hon'ble Court seeking direction from this Hon'ble Court for issuance of proclamation requiring the appearance of a person accused.

It is hereby notified if any Person/s/ interested Parties having any objection/s regarding issuance of proclamation under section 82 of CRPC, shall appear before this Court by in person/s or by Pleader on 30/04/2024 at 11 'o' Clock before this Hon'ble Court, to show-cause against the above complaint to take notice that, in default of your appearance on the date before mentioned, the Complaint will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 20..05.2024.

By the order of the Court
Sherjstedar, MAYOHALL COURT COMPLEX
M.G. ROAD, BENGALURU-01

Advocate for the Complainant
BHAKTAVACHALA, Advocates, No.110/1, Swamy Vivekanananda Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008.

KERALA STATE CENTRE FOR ADVANCED PRINTING AND TRAINING
Head Office Complex, Vattiyorkavu, Thiruvananthapuram, Ph: 2365678, 2365415

E- TENDER NOTICE(REVISED)

No. CAPT/361/2024-M2(MTL) 05.04.2024

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Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no.536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**
*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE-2024 (LOKSABHA)**
Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **23-BANGALORE RURAL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **D.K. SURESH**

Sl.No.				
1	**Criminal antecedents**			
	a. Nature of the offences	Given Below		
	b. Case no.	Given Below		
	c. Name of the Court	Given Below		
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Given Below		
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable		
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable		
	g. Any other information required to be given	NO		
a	FIR No. with name and address of Police Station concerned	FIR No 0112/2023 Rajarajeshwari Nagara Police Station, Bangalore.	FIR No.0001/2022 Kanakapura town Police Station, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District.	FIR No.0013/2022 Ramanagara Rural Police Station, Ramanagara
b	Case No. with Name of the Court	FIR No 0112/2023 42nd Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore	CC No-194/2022 In the Court of Principal Civil Judge (Jr. Dn) and JMFC, Kanakapura, Ramangara District. (Stage-Awaiting Summons)	CC No-8717/2022 XLII Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Spl. Court to deal with Criminal cases related to sitting as well as former MPs/MLAs triable by Magistrate in the State of Karnataka), Bangalore City.
c	Sections(s) of concerned Acts/Codes involved (give no. of the Section, e.g. Section….. of IPC, etc).	Under section 171B, 171E of IPC and section 123(1), 123(2) of Representation of People's Act 1950, 1951, 1989	Under section 5(3A) of Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act- 2020 and Under Section 141, 143, 290, 336, 149 IPC.	Under section 5(3A) of Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act 2020 and Under Section 141, 143, 290, 336, 149 IPC.
d	Brief description of offence	Allegation that the accuced have violated the Model Code of Conduct	Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.	Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.
e	Whether charges have been framed (mention YES or NO)	No	No	No
f	If answer against (e) above is YES, then give the date on which charges were framed	NA	NA	NA
g	Whether any Appeal/ Application for revision has been filed against the proceedings (Mention YES or NO)	B' report is filed by the Rajarajeshwarinagar Police on 19/06/2023 stating that the complaint is false/unaccured.	Yes CRLP F.R No.3097/2024 is filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka	Yes CRLP F.R. No. 2958/2024 is filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka
2	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	The selected candidate is a senior, dedicated party leader who has already been associated with the party since decades. The candidate is not only qualified but has been in various responsible positions attached to public service & party also and is a widely accepted popular leader amongst the general mass and is engaged extensively in active developmental works for the general public.		
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The selected candidate is already a Sitting MP from the same constituency & as a national level senior party worker, he has an edge over other individuals considering the fact that whatever charges are alleged in the charge sheet have no substance and are purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta. The party believes that there will be no adverse outcome of the cases against this candidate.		

No. 14, Queens Road, Bangalore - 560 052. KARNATAKA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE

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(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no.536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**
*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE-2024 (LOKSABHA)**
Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **28-KOLAR (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **GOUTHAM. K.V**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a. Nature of the offences	Breach of Trust under IPC 406, 418, 420, 120B & 34.	
	b. Case no.	1) CC.NO.5992/2018 2) Case No.Crl.P.No.7358/2018 (KAHC010484912018) Stay order dated 5/10/2018. Thalaghattapura Police Station, represented by State Public Prosecutor, Advocate Generals Office, High Court Building, Bangalore.	
	c. Name of the Court	Pending on the file of 2nd Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore	
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO	
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable	
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable	
	g. Any other information required to be given	NIL	
2	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	He is well-known and publicly accepted leader with a good experience of social work in the constituency.	
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The case has no significant stand and in all probability, he is most likely to be acquitted. As mentioned above in comparison to other individuals without criminal antecedents this candidate is quite popular and well accepted amongst the general mass.	

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Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **21-MYSORE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **M. LAKSHMANA**

Sl.No.				
1	**Criminal antecedents**			
	a. Nature of the offences	Given Below		
	b. Case no.	Given Below		
	c. Name of the Court	Given Below		
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Given Below		
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable		
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable		
	g. Any other information required to be given	NO		
a	FIR No. with name and address of Police Station concerned	NIL	NIL	NIL
b	Case No. with Name of the Court	i) CC/469/2023	PRL Civil Judge & JMFC	Chikmagalur
		ii) PCR/0006499/ 2023	32 Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate	Bangalore
		iii) PCR/0001391/ 2024	32 Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate	Bangalore
		iv) CC No.24/2023	4th JMFC	Mysore
c	Sections(s) of concerned Acts/Codes involved (give no. of the Section, e.g. Section….. of IPC, etc).	i) Section 499, 500 of IPC ii) Section 500 of IPC iii) Section 500 of IPC iv) Section 290 of IPC		
d	Brief description of offence	i) Defamation ii) Defamation iii) Defamation iv) Section (3) of Disfigurement Act		
2	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	He is well-known and publicly accepted leader with a good experience of social work in the constituency.		
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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Gokula Branch**, Bengaluru under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrowers: 1) M/s ARK Trading Company, No-27/A, Venkateshwara Nagarmain Road, Maduravoyual, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600095, **Also At: 2) M/s ARK Trading Company ,** No 5 Guni Agrahara, Spring Valley Club , Near Shivakotte Post, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560089 **3) Sri. Anil Varaprasad Rao (Partner),** S/O Sri. Jayakumar, No. 21/1, 6th Cross, 2nd main B K Nagar, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560022, **4)Sri. Victor Bandari (Partner),** S/O Mr. Samuel, No 14/2, 2nd Floor, 2nd main , Near Keshava Theatre, B K Nagar, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore North,Karnataka - 560022, **5)Sri. Chandrasekar K E (Partner)** S/o Eshawarayya, No-27/A, Venkateshwara Nagar, 4th Street Maduravoyal, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600095, **Also At.: 6.Sri Chandrasekar K E (Partner)** S/O Mr Eshawarayya, No-258, 5th Block, M. M . T.A Maduravoyal Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu - 600095.

Schedule A :

Sl. No	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	2648261000021	MSME-OD/OCC	08.03.2018	Rs 70,00,000.00

Total Liability as on 02.04.2024 **Rs. 65,80,187.93** (Rupees Eighty Sixty Five Lakh Eighty Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Seven and Ninety Three Paise only) + interest together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Schedule B :1.All that piece And parcel of Eastern portion of the property bearing Municipal Corporation No. 21 (PID No. 03-97-21), (Formerly Site No. 16 in Property No.131/1 of Yeswanthpura), presently property comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagar palike Ward No.37, New MunicipalNo.21/1, having PID No.3-97-21/1, situated at 2nd main B K Nagar Bangalore , Measuring East to West :11.9 Feet and North to South 26-0 feet. Totally measuring an extent of 309.40 sq feet and Bounded on the :East By : Property No.17 Presently Road, West By: Western Property of the same property , North By: Property No.5, South By: Road

Name of the Title holder: 1. Mr. B Victor S/o Mr. B. Samuel **2) Mr. B Anil Varaprasad Rao** S/o Mr. B Jayakumar.

Date of NPA: 28.03.2024 **Demand Notice Date:02.04.2024**

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 02.04.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
Building No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre
Opp. Trust Well Hospital, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002.
Phone: 080- 25943663, 25943664, Email:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c.No's : HL – 39732742737/ 39741757345

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **15.11.2023** calling upon the borrowers **Mrs. Annabel Mak,** W/o. Francis Anthony & **Mr. Christopher Francies,** S/o. Francis Anthony, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs. 40,71,636/-** (Rupees Forty Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Six only) as on 14.11.2023 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers has failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **04.04.2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.42,31,931/-** (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty One Only) as on 26.03.2024 and interest + expenses thereon.

The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Sy. No. 96/1, 96/2, 96/3 & 96/4, measuring 1 Acre 36 Guntas and 04 Guntas of A Kharab, situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, had converted from agricultural to non- agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order bearing ALN(AJ)SR 08/2017-18 dated 21/12/2017 and ALN(AJ)SR 33/2016-17 dated 21/12/2017 issued by the Deputy commissioner, Bangalore and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by**: Survey Number 98, **North by**: Survey Number 95 and **South by:** Survey Number 97.

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of converted site No. 270 & 283 carved out of Sy. No. 88/2 & 88/3, measuring 297.48 Square Meters (3202.07 Square Feet) situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, had converted from agricultural to non- agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order bearing ALN(AJ)SR 218/2007-08 dated 04/10/2008 and ALN(AJ)SR 222/ 2007-08 dated 04/10/2008 issued by the Deputy commissioner, Bangalore and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by**: Road, **North by**: Survey Number 96 and **South by:** Site No. 282 & Site No. 269.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: (Undivided share in Schedule 'A' Property) 479 Square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property mentioned above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: (Residential Apartment)

Flat No. C-201, bearing Khata No. 150200103200822044 having a super built up area of 838 Sq. Feet and Carper area of 621 Sq. Feet, on **First Floor', "C" Block**, in the multistoried apartment buildingComplex known as **"Iconest-3"** constructed on the Schedule 'A' property, along with ONE exclusive earmarked Open Car parking Space bearing no C- 201, and bounded by: **East by:** Corridor, **West by**: B-213, **North by :** C-202 and **South by** : Driveway, standing in the Joint names of Mrs. Annabel Mak & Mr. Christopher Francies.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 04.04.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II, BENGALURU

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)

Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Financial Services
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pincode - 560001

RC NO: 483/2023 IN
OA NO. 1168/2018

FORM NO 14
(See Regulation 33 (2))
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by publication

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT,1961

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
SRI. R.PRATAP SINGH AND OTHERS

To
(CH) UNION BANK OF INDIA
Ground Floor, Right Wing, No. 6, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560007.
...Certificate Holder

VS
(CD 1) Sri.R.Pratap Singh
S/o Sri. Raghunath Singh,
R/at No. 203, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross,
Ideal Homes Rajarajeshwari Nagar,
Bangalore-560098.
(CD 2) Smt. Chandravidya Iyet,
W/o Sri. Pratap Singh,
R/at No. 203, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, Ideal Homes, Rajarajeshwar Nagar, Mysore, Karnataka-560098.
(CD 3) Sri. Vijay Prakash Chourasia
S/o Sri. Ramdev Chourasia,
Managing Director,
M/s VKC Developers Pvt. Ltd
No.22, 1st Cross, Ashwathnagar,
Bangalore, Karnataka-560037.
...Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT 2)** in **OA/1168/2018** an amount of **Rs. 85,75,315/- (Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @9.65% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **25.07.2018** till realization and costs of **Rs. 1,25,260/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Only)** has become due against you Jointly and severally. Plus, penal interest @ 2% p.a. is also applicable/ payable.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **29.05.2024** at **10.30 A.M.** for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date : **03/01/2024.**

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under : "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any Interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

Sd/-
Recovery Officer,
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Bangalore (DRT 2)

SREE CHARAN SOUHARDHA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD

Head Office # 87/1, H.B. Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi Bengaluru - 560 004, Phone : 26676837, Fax 26606135
e-mail scscb.helpdesk@sreecharanbank.com, web : www.sreecharanbank.com

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, **(1) Mr. Balachandra V G** S/o Gurumurthy B V No.244, 12th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, 40 feet main Road, W C Road, Manjunath Nagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010 **(2) Mrs. Lakshmi V S** D/o Srinivasa V No.14, 2nd Main Road, Opp. Malleshwaram Railway Station, Gandhigrama, Bengaluru-560021 **(3) Mr. Nagesh V S** S/o Srinivasa V No.14, 2nd Main Road, Opp. Malleshwaram Railway Station, Gandhigrama Bengaluru-560021 **(4) Mrs. Sunitha A** W/o Balachandra V G No.244, 12th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, 40 feet Main Road, W C Road, Manjunath Nagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd. Malleshwaram Branch, Bengaluru. The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is Rs.43,16,957/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven Only) as on **28/03/2024,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
SCHEDULE A: All that piece and Parcel of the Sy. Nos.73/5 and 73/6 (converted vide No.ALN(EVH) SR 443/2012-13 dated 06.07.2013), situated at Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, now within the limits of BBMP Varthur Ward No.149, having katha no.359/73/5/73/6/17, measuring totally 1 acre 38 guntas and bounded on: East: Remaining portion of Sy. No.73/5 and 73/6, West: Remaining portion of Sy. No.73/5 and 73/6, North: Land bearing SY. No.73/4, South: Road. **SCHEDULE B:** All that piece and parcel of 328 sq. ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land with super built up area of 1224 sq. ft. in the apartment known as 'Sri Krishna Excel Stone", which is privately numbered as 302 in the Third Floor of Block-B in Wing-D with one covered car parking in the basement along with proportionate right in all common facilities, constructed the A-Schedule property.	**24/04/2024 at 11.30 AM** **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd., Head Office, Bengaluru.**	**Rs.43,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Only)** **EMD: Rs.4,30,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)**

1) The Tender form can be collected from **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd. Head Office:** No.87/1, H B Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. **(Ph. 080-26676837)** on all working days during office hours. **2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bengaluru**- payable at Bengaluru. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** latest by **23/04/2024 before 4.30 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **4)** The property **"SHALL NOT"** be sold below the reserve price. **5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 24/04/2024. 8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% OF THE SALE PRICE (INCLUSIVE OF EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws.**11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and - 5.00PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder SHALL SATISFY HIM SELF about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **15)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **16)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers /Guarantors / Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd. Head Office: No.87/1, H B Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property Contact (Ph. 080-26676837) E-Mail: loans.ho@sreecharanbank.com / manager.holoans@sreecharanbank.com

Date: 05.04.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd Bangalore- 560004

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NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to attachment of Immovable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court the Special Officer & Competent Authority (under KPIDFE-IMA and other Scam), is issuing notice for e-auction of the immovable property through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.

The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each auction in the e-portal provided by the Service Provider/Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).

Short description of the Immovable Property

Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 1371/2022)	Title
1.	Present Sy.No.8, (old Sy.No. 09 and 8/1) PID No. 91-61-08, Good will residence, Cokborn Road, Bengaluru BBMP ward No. 91, measuring 766 sq.ft. East: Property No.7/1, Cokborn Road, West: No.9 Cokborn Road, North: Road, South: Private property. Google Map:**https://maps.app.goo.gl/N5PUnABG15my2eYV8** Latitude and Longitude : 12°59'36.2"N 77°36'20.6"E	**Khata stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority**

Reserve Price: **Rs. 49,79,000/-**
EMD : **Rs. 5,00,000/-**
Bid Increase Value: **Rs.50,000/-**
Date of Pre-bid meeting & time : **08th May2024 3 pm to 4 pm**
Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01
Date of Inspection & time: **09th May 2024 11:00am to 05:00pm**
Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission: **13th May 2024 Before 5 pm**
Date & Time of E Auction : **14th May 2024 11 am to 1 pm.**
For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Joint Secretary, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: **splocaeauction@gmail.com** or Contact Mob. No 6364403715.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 04.04.2024
DIPR/CP/08/Zen/2024-25

Sd/-
The Special Officer & Competent Authority
(Under KPIDFE - IMA & Other Scam)
Bengaluru, Karnataka

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MALALA YOUSAFZAI

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSE

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co Borrowers/ Guarantors Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Akshay Kumar (Borrower) Geethanjali (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00004925391 LBBNG00004927320	All that piece and parcel of the Three Bed Room Apartment bearing Flat No.403, in the Third Floor having a total super built up area of 1605.00 Square Feet, along with One Car Parking Space in the Basement/ Stilt Floor bearing No.403, of the multistoried apartment known as "Sriven Elegance", constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, inclusive of proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, stair-case, set-back area and other areas of common use with concealed wiring, vitrified flooring having amenities situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore and bounded as follows:- East By: Flat No.404 West By: Flat No.402 North By: Corridor South By: South Set Back Area	Rs. 48,50,384/- (as on April 01, 2024)	Rs. 62,90, 000/- / Rs. 6,29, 000/-	April 10, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 29, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2.	Mr. Chunduru Srinivasa Gupta (Borrower) Sri Devi Chunduru (Co-Borrower) Loan A/c No. LBBNG00001521975/ LBBNG00002640897/ LBBNG00001729904	All that residential Flat bearing No G04 on the Ground Floor of the Apartment known as Pavani Paradise, situated at property bearing Site No.58 & 63, Khata No.124, converted videly order No. BDS ALN (E) VB/SR/88/2004-05 dated 28/06/2004. Survey No. 130, situated at Munekolala Village. Varthur Hobli, in the jurisdiction of Mahadevapura CMC, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, totally measuring about: 1055 Sq. Ft., of Super Built Up Area together with one covered car park space in the Stilt Floor. East by: 30ft Road, West by : Sits Nos.64 & 57 North by : Road, South by : Road.	Rs. 32,74,034/- (as on April 01, 2024)	Rs. 39,52, 000/- / Rs.3,95, 200/-	April 12, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 29, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM
3.	Mr. Shankare Gowda (Borrower) Leela N (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBMYS00004915453	All that piece and parcel of Southern Portion of Site No.22, GramathanaKhatha No.370, situated Doddagollarahatti, at Nagadevanahalli Village, presently within the limits of BBMP Ward No. 130, Katha No.382/370/22, Kengeri Sub-Division, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West: 30-0 Feet North to South: 20-0 Feet, totally measuring: 600 Sq. Feet And bounded as follows: East by: Property belongs to Doddaiah West by: Road, North by: Remaining same Northern Portion property belongs to Shivaramu, South by: Road. Together with 4 Squares of RCC roofed Red Oxide Flooring Jungle wood doors and windows, cement & brick wall with all civic amenities	Rs. 53,52,256/- (as on April 01, 2024)	Rs. 38,00, 000/- / Rs.3,80, 000/-	April 15, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 29, 2024 from 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **April 26, 2024** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **April 26, 2024** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **April 26, 2024** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or **April 26, 2024** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **7304918084/ 9844542086/ 8008999536.**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1.No Broker.in2. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: April 06, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC MALLESHWARAM (41161)
No. 97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020
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DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED ACT)

At your request, State Bank of India has extended credit facility to you, **Sri Neelakanta Dharmaraja Iyer,** S/o Sri D.N Iyer through its **Basaveshwaranagara Branch, Bengaluru,** various credit facility by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the security agreement / documents executed by the borrower are furnished in the demand notice dated **05.01.2024.** The said financial assistance is also secured by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particular of the secured asset is specifically furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facility has become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset on **03.01.2024** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice Dated **05.01.2024** sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged by you, hence this notice is now published

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Name and address of the Borrower : Sri Neelakanta Dharmaraja Iyer, S/o Sri D.N Iyer, H.No: 19A, SS Mansion, Umesh Residency, TC Palya, Near KNSS Vidyamandir English High School,Bengaluru North – 560036, **Also at: Sri Neelakanta Dharmaraja Iyer,** S/o Sri D.N Iyer, H.No: 124, TC Palya, Near Koshys Hospital,Near Hong Kong Chinese Hotel,Raghavendra Circle,Bengaluru – 560016, **Also at:** Sri Neelakanta Dharmaraja Iyer,S/o Sri D.N Iyer, #10, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru – 560001, **Also at:** Sri Neelakanta Dharmaraja Iyer, S/o Sri D.N Iyer, Flat No: 002, 1st Floor, Sri Krishna Serenity, Site: 2,3, Khata – 762/C, 762/A, Dubasipalya, Kengeri, Bengaluru - 560060, **Also at:** Sri Neelakanta Dharmaraja Iyer,S/o Sri D.N Iyer, Flat No: 003, 1st Floor,Sri Krishna Serenity, Site: 2,3, Khata – 762/C, 762/A, Dubasipalya, Kengeri, Bengaluru -560060

Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs. 2,54,34,695-00 (Rupees Two crore fifty four lakh thirty four thousand six hundred ninety five only) as on 05.01.2024 and interest from 06.01.2024 with future interest at the contractual rate together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc thereon.

Schedule of Property : SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: Property-1: All that Part and parcel of the immovable property residential Site bearing Nos. 2 and 3, Kengeri Municipality Property No. 26/130, Old Khata No. 1487/C, Municipality Khata Nos. 762/C and 762/A, BBMP Khata Nos. 4428 & 4427, New BBMP Amalgamated Khata No. 4427/1487/C/26/ 130/762/A/S.No.3, formed in Sy. No. 48 of Dubasi Palya, Valagerehalli Village Dhakale, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bhruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike Ward No. 130, bengaluru, measuring East to West 115 feet X North to South 85 feet, All measuring 9775 square feet. Bounded on: East by: Site No. 4, West by: Site No. 1, North by: Muniveerappa House, South by: Road

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Description of the Proportionate land share, hereby conveyed in favor of the Purchaser): 407 Sq. ft of Undivided Share of land with right titles and interest in schedule

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: (Description of the residential Apartment / Flat, hereby conveyed in favor of the Purchaser) : All that Part and Parcel of 3 BHK Flat bearing No. FF-003 on the First Floor having Super Built Up area of 2000 Square feet in the above said building known as "SRI KRISHNA SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property herein and one covered car parking area in the Stilt floor, finished with RCC roofing with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with all common area such as passages, lobbies, lift staircase and all the other areas of common use etc. Super Built Up area means and includes exclusive floor area of Flat and Proportionate areas covered by all common walls, passages, stair, lift, water and draining and electrical conducts and all other areas used in common with all other flats of the building.

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Mortgage Deed No. RRN-1-03078-2023-24 Dated: 03.07.2023 at Senior Sub-Registrar Office, Jayanagara (Rajarajeshwari Nagar) Bengaluru

Property-2 : All that Part and Parcel of the immovable property residential Site bearing Nos. 2 and 3, Kengeri Municipality Property No. 26/130, Old Khata No. 1487/C, Municipality Khata Nos. 762/C and 762/A, BBMP Khata Nos. 4428 & 4427, New BBMP Amalgamated Khata No. 4427/1487/C/26/130/762/A/S.No.3, formed in Sy. No. 48 of Dubasi Palya, Valagerehalli Village Dhakale, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bhruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike Ward No. 130, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 115 feet X North to South 85 feet, All measuring 9775 square feet. Bounded as: East by: Site No. 4, West by: Site No. 1,North by: Muniveerappa's House, South by: Road

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Property standing in the name of Sri Neelakanta Dharmaraja Iyer, S/o Sri. D.N Iyer.

Bounded as: East by: Flat No. FF-003, West by: R C Enclave, North by: Muniveerappa's House,South by:Flat No. FF-001

Mortgage Deed No. RRN-1-03063-2023-24 Dated: 01.07.2023 at Senior Sub-Registrar Office, Jayanagara (Rajarajeshwari Nagar) Bengaluru

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Kyrgios to return from injury next week

Nick Kyrgios expects to return to the tennis court next week after the Australian missed virtually the entire 2023 season with injury. The former Wimbledon finalist has played just one ATP Tour match since late 2022 after suffering wrist and knee injuries. However, the 28-year-old told the Australian Open Show podcast he will soon be practising again, having previously hinted his tennis career could be over.

Collective effort behind Hyderabad's paradise

Sunrisers overpower CSK by six wkts to remain unbeaten at home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

WHEN Chennai Super Kings huffed and puffed to a total of 165, the expectation was that Hyderabad would also struggle on the black soil surface. However, the hosts, who had rocked and rolled their way to a league-high 277 in an adjacent red-soil strip on March 27, continued to make merry under the lights. Abhishek Sharma broke the back of the chase with a stunning assault inside the first three overs. After that, the other batters did what was required to chase down the total with 30 balls to spare. The win means they join Chennai, Lucknow, Punjab and Gujarat on four points.

When Pat Cummins won the toss, he had no hesitation in sending the opponents in. Chennai has a high-intent batting line-up; as a team, they are one of the best six-hitters since the 2021 campaign. On days like this, though, the absence of a power-hitter at the top can be felt. Rachin Ravindra, the side's designated powerplay hitter, has had a decent start but his wicket was a sign of things to come.

The southpaw tried to access down the ground to a back of a length delivery. The ball got big on him and he ended up offering a catch to mid-on off Bhuvneshwar Kumar. Most of the visiting batters couldn't get their timing or rhythm going; it all resembled a band playing some of their greatest hits with a broken sound system.

Ajinkya Rahane, who has reinvented himself as a pace-hitter, just couldn't find the oxygen his innings desperately needed. In the end, his dismissal was a result of what the Hyderabad pacers had done all night. Slower deliveries into the surface as well as pace-off deliveries. Rahane's attempted heave over cover was a miscue and backward point settled under it.

Only Shivam Dube (four sixes) generated the kind of bat speed to clear the fence but the others combined to hit only two sixes across 16 overs. A couple of questions should also be asked of the management. Why did they promote Ravindra Jadeja when Moeen Ali was an option? Why was MS Dhoni, who enthralled the crowd in Visakhapatnam a few days ago, sent in with only three balls remaining? 166 could have been a tricky total on a wicket like this but Abhishek rendered it academic within the first 15 balls of the chase. Representing a new age of Indian batters who take pride in their ability to hit sixes, he hit four off the 12 balls he faced, including three off Mukesh Choudhary, who had come in as an Impact Sub.

Travis Head and Aiden Markram carried on after that to end any hopes of an unlikely comeback. While Chennai's next match is against Kolkata, Hyderabad travel to Punjab. **Brief scores:** CSK 165/5 in 20 ovs (Ruturaj 26, Rahane 35, Dube 45) **lost to** SRH 166/4 in 18.1 ovs (Head 31, Abhishek 37, Markram 50).

Teams	MP	W	Pts	NRR
Kolkata	3	3	6	2.51
Rajasthan	3	3	6	1.24
Chennai	4	2	4	0.51
Lucknow	3	2	4	0.48
Hyderabad	4	2	4	0.40
Punjab	4	2	4	-0.22
Gujarat	4	2	4	-0.58
Bengaluru	4	1	2	-0.87
Delhi	4	1	2	-1.34
Mumbai	3	0	0	-1.42

Sunrisers Hyderabad players celebrate a wicket on Friday | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

RR look to maintain unbeaten run

After winning the crucial away game against Mumbai Indians, Rajasthan are back on the home turf ready to face Royal Challengers Bengaluru in Jaipur. A look...

HIGH-FLYING PARAG

Riyan Parag was the star of the show for Rajasthan the last time they played at home, scoring 84 n.o off 45 deliveries against Delhi Capitals. Even in the low-scoring match against Mumbai at the Wankhede, it felt like he was batting on a different surface. Bengaluru would not want him to pile on runs against them.

NEW VENUE, NEW BEGINNING?

After registering a come-from-behind win against Punjab Kings at their home ground, Bengaluru lost two back-to-back matches at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium. A change of venue might help the Faf du Plessis-led side as they are currently placed eighth on the points table, only above Delhi and Mumbai.

Rajasthan Royals **vs** Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Jaipur.

Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30PM

IOA internal squabble over Oly preparations

WITH just over three months left for the Olympics, the internal fight within the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is refusing to die. So much so that the acrimony within the executive committee members has apparently led to a breakdown of trust. The 15-member EC, instead of working for the benefit of the athletes, are worried about themselves. What seems more embarrassing is that most members are Olympians or Olympic medallists.

After an EC meeting was apparently called off by the IOA president, PT Usha, later last week, a letter has been in circulation forbidding 'unauthorised persons' to enter the premises of the IOA Bhavan in New Delhi. It is learnt that it has been pasted on the elevators and walls as well and has been signed by nine members including senior vice president Ajay Patel, vice presidents Rajlakshmi Singh Deo and Gagan Narang, treasurer Sahdev Yadav and other members Dola Banerjee, Harpal Singh, Yogeshwar Dutt, Amitabh Sharma and Bhupinder Singh Bajwa.

The house has been divided ever since the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer in January. This was mandated after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had warned multiple times of dire consequences if a CEO was not appointed. The EC (nine out of the 15 as it seems by the signatures on the recent notification), had been vocal against the appointment of the CEO, Raghuram Iyer. The main point of discontent had been the salary of the CEO was about ₹20 lakh a month excluding other benefits. Interestingly, in January, there were about 12 signatories against the appointment. Things got complicated because the CEO appointment had been endorsed by the IOC and there is no provision in the new constitution to terminate his appointment. Since all payments need finance committee's nod and needs to be signed by the treasurer (along with the IOA president) payments have not been made, including CEO's salary. The EC also claimed that they had terminated Usha's executive assistant Ajay Narang as well. However, Usha's office has confirmed that the CEO and the executive assistant continue to work. They apparently are coordinating with sports ministry, Sports Authority of India (SAI), the IOC and the Paris Olympic Games Organising committee as well so that athletes don't face any problems.

Dilemma of signatory

What seems more baffling is that the IOA are yet to hold their Annual General Meeting (a meeting in December never took place and the financial year is also over). That means no auditing and passing of accounts. One must also keep in mind that the funding too will be affected because the Finance Committee is headed by Ajay Patel and the treasurer needs to sign the cheques. The signatory was supposed to be changed to CEO during the last week's meeting but did not happen because of opposition.

The IOA constitution says: "Accounts shall be maintained in such Scheduled or Nationalized Bank or Banks, as may be approved by the Executive Council in the name of the Association and shall be operated by the CEO in coordination and consultation with the President and Treasurer...".

With more expenses to be incurred ahead of the Games for travelling, kitting and other logistical support, it needs to be seen how the IOA chief surmounts those hurdles.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Shashank Singh & Ashutosh Sharma: Punjab's miracle men

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

WHEN Ashutosh Sharma joined Shashank Singh in the middle against Gujarat Titans at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, it felt like the home team was only a wicket away from registering their third consecutive win in front of the home crowd. Rashid Khan had just taken his 50th wicket for the franchise, Mohit Sharma, undoubtedly the leader of the pace pack, had two overs left and the climbing run rate was not favouring the visitors. What followed over the next 22 deliveries was nothing short of a miracle from two batters who always had the potential to turn the result in their favour.

Ashutosh, the Impact Sub for Punjab, was aware of what was expected of him with only 27 balls remaining. "I have faced similar situations before in domestic cricket," he told media in a virtual press conference on Friday. "I have performed well for my domestic teams so I was confident about what I could do in those conditions. Even when I was sitting in the dugout, I was thinking, 'I can do it'. I knew I would get the chance in a similar situation so, even from the pre-tournament camp, I was ready for this. Sanjay sir (batting coach Sanjay Bangar) told me to stay focussed and that is what I did."

Focussed Ashutosh got a life early when Umesh Yadav dropped a difficult chance off the bowling of Mohit and the Railways batter made most of the dropped chance to hit three boundaries off Azmatullah Omarzai's final over. In the next, a Sharma vs Sharma battle, Ashutosh picked up the slower delivery from Mohit to smash the ball for a six. The final ball of the penultimate over was always going to be the make or break for both teams and that is when Singh came into the picture, who was playing second fiddle to perfection in the partnership.

Singh had already hit his maiden half-century and at one point it felt like the Punjab dugout was so invested in the drama that was unfolding that they collectively forgot to applaud the star. By that time, had survived an appeal, and had seen the ups and downs of the match. "It was quite normal because we have had enough practice sessions and match simulations where we have got these targets like we had to chase 50-60 odd runs in four overs," Singh told media.

"I bat in the middle order for my state team as well so this situation was not new for me, but the pressure was well and truly on. I was playing in front of a big crowd and against some of the best bowlers in the world. Ultimately, it's about the ball and not the bowler. I tried to react to the ball and play according to my strengths rather than trying something I had never done before. I was backing my strengths and that helped me believe in myself," he added.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

FC Goa's Noah Sadaoui rejoices after completing his hat-trick | ISL

Noah mercy: FC Goa hammer Hyderabad

AGENCIES @ Margao

FC GOA defeated Hyderabad FC by 4-0 at the Fatorda Stadium in the Indian Super League (ISL) on Friday as substitute Noah Sadaoui scored a hat-trick within 12 minutes in the second half to power the Gaurs to a league double over the Thangboi Singto-coached side this season.

Noah's treble of goals was complemented with a late strike by Spanish striker Carlos Martinez as FC Goa moved to 39 points in the standings, equalling their nearest competitors, i.e. Odisha FC and the Mohun Bagan Super Giant. Interestingly, Noah started the game on the bench, but a goalless first half prompted head coach Manolo Marquez to call for his services in the second essay of the game.

Off went Borja Herrera at the brink of half-time, and Noah wasted no time in getting into the thick of things.

Key dress rehearsal for men's hockey team ahead of Paris

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

TUNE up games ahead of big tournaments serve different purposes. It gives a window into the fringe players who could complete the team. It can build up fitness for players coming back from injuries. It allows the management to look at specific areas they want to work in in a competitive environment. Lastly, it gives players the chance to prove to themselves they have it in them to beat a specific opponent.

That last point, according to Manpreet Singh, is what the team will look to do multiple times during a rather crucial five-match series against Australia in Perth from Saturday.

"We have not beaten Australia in a long time and we want to achieve that," the midfielder told this daily a few days before leaving for the assignment Down Under. In the last 13 matches between the two sides stretching back to the beginning of 2020, India have only managed two wins. Crucially, while India have narrowed the gap between them and the big four of Germany, Australia, Belgium and The Netherlands, wins in the elite events have not really come against these sides.

Since the 2014 World Cup, India have managed one win in 10 encounters against the other members of the Big Four (the bronze medal match against Germany at the Tokyo Games). In that same time period against Australia, they have lost two games for an aggregate score of 1-11 (this gets more pronounced if you want to add Commonwealth Games results).

Manpreet Singh

SCHEDULE: April 6, April 7, April 10, April 12, April 13.

One readily identifies with Manpreet when he says this tour is going to give the team 'valuable experience'. "It will be a valuable experience to know their game up and close ahead of Paris," he said. "When we play against the best teams, naturally, we improve our game and learn as well. We are going with a mindset to beat them.

"There used to be a mental block playing against Australia in the past. In the last few years, there has not been any extra pressure when we are playing against them. If you look at our recent match-ups, the competition has been closer. I think, now the gap that used to exist between the two sides has reduced. The confidence level of all the players now remains the same even when we are playing against Australia."

The team will also have Paddy Upton around during their Australia trip. Upton, a mental conditioning coach, has worked on and off with the team since coming on board in the middle of last year. When asked to elaborate on the kind of effect Upton has had on the team, Manpreet was effusive in his praise. "We spoke about how we should concentrate on the controllables," Manpreet said. "He taught us to think step-by-step about our goals and not think about what will happen once we win the medal because these are all distractions and we need to avoid them. He has helped with the small things that make a lot of difference while playing."

What the team does over the next week or so in Perth will not decide what will happen in Paris in July and August.

Nigam & Durga take South to final

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

TAMANNA NIGAM'S 99 helped South Zone reach the final of the senior women's inter-zonal multi-day trophy on Friday in Pune as the first-innings lead was enough for the Minnu Mani-led side. They will face East Zone in the final, who beat the North Zone by 135 runs, on the back of captain Deepti Sharma's six-wicket haul at the Pune Cricket Club Ground.

Starting the day with one foot already in the final, South Zone kept on piling runs courtesy of M Durga, who added 132 for the third wicket with Nigam. Once Bhavana Goplani dismissed the wicketkeeper for 81, Nigam joined hands with captain Minnu Mani to add 51 runs for the fourth wicket. Nigam was unlucky not to complete her century as she was bowled by Shraddha Pokharkar on 99. South Zone ended the day with 262 for five and qualified for the final.

In the other semifinal, Sharma once again stood tall for her team and took six wickets to dismantle the Harmanpreet Kaur-led North Zone.

Brief scores: South Zone 289 & 265/5 in 101 ovs (Tamanna Nigam 99, M Durga 81) **drew** West Zone 230 in 70.5 ovs (Yastika Bhatia 64; Minnu Mani 6/73) *South Zone qualified due to first innings lead*; East Zone 132 all out & 282/9 d in 80 ovs (Dhara Gujjar 58; Mannat Kashyap 4/72) **bt** North Zone 144 all out & 135 all out in 48.2 ovs (Shafali Verma 49; Deepti Sharma 6/49).

Alexis Mac Allister (2nd right) celebrates his goal on Thursday | AFP

Liverpool reclaim top spot, Chelsea pip United

AGENCIES @ Liverpool

ALEXIS Mac Allister fired Liverpool back to the top of the Premier League as the Argentine's "wonder goal" inspired a tense 3-1 win against lowly Sheffield United on Thursday.

Jurgen Klopp's side were growing anxious after Darwin Nunez's early opener was cancelled out by Conor Bradley's own goal in the second half.

But Mac Allister eased the nerves around Anfield with a brilliant finish from the edge of the area and Cody Gakpo sealed the points in the closing moments. Liverpool moved two points clear of second-placed Arsenal with eight games left.

In another match, Cole Palmer scored twice deep into stoppage time to complete a hat-trick as Chelsea stunned Manchester United 4-3 on Thursday.

Thursday's results: Chelsea 4-3 Manchester United; Liverpool 3-1 Sheffield United.

Upcoming fixtures (select)

Saturday: Crystal Palace vs Man City (5pm); Brighton vs Arsenal (10pm). Sunday: Man United vs Liverpool (7pm). Live on Star Sports Network

Candidates: Quiet start as Indians play out draws

AGENCIES @ Toronto

INDIAN Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa overcame some tense moments before settling for a draw against France's Firouza Alireza while D Gukesh could do little against compatriot Vidit Gujrathi and shared the spoils in the first round of the Candidates chess tournament here.

All four games in the men's section ended in draws while in the women's event, Zhongyi Tan drew the first blood at the expense of compatriot Tingjie Lei with the remaining three games ending in draws.

India's R Vaishali played out a draw against countrymate Koneru Humpy, Russians Aleksandra Goryachkina and Kateryna Lagno signed peace while the only non-Grandmaster Nurgyul Salimova of Bulgaria had a good start holding Anna Muzychuk to a draw.

In the men's section, the all-American battle between Fabiano Caruana and Hikaru Nakamura also ended in a draw.

EXPRESS READ

Yuki-Olivetti pair advances to semis

MARRAKECH: India's Yuki Bhambri and his French partner Albano Olivetti beat Nicholas Barrientos and Rafael Matos 7-6 (5), 6-7, 10-7 to enter the men's doubles semifinals of the ATP Marrakech Open. In Houston, the Indo-German pair of N Sriram Balaji and Andre Begemann moved to the semifinals of the ATP Houston Open.

Archer won't play Test cricket until 2025

LONDON: Jofra Archer will not play Test cricket again until 2025 at the earliest but the T20 World Cup is a realistic goal for the paceman, according to England cricket chief Rob Key. The 29-year-old has not played for England in any format since March 2023. The T20 World Cup in the Caribbean and United States starts on June 1.

Max fastest before rain spoils practice in Japan

SUZUKA: Max Verstappen went fastest on Friday in the first practice for the Japanese Grand Prix, with the second session badly affected by rain. Triple world champion Verstappen, who failed to finish the race in Australia a fortnight ago, edged Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez in dry conditions in the first session in Suzuka.

A new research estimated that 3-11 mn tonnes of plastic could be sitting on the ocean floor. With a garbage truck's worth of plastic entering the ocean every minute, its floor has become a resting place for plastic pollution

File photo of a flock of pelicans at the Adyar Eco Park in Chennai in 2016 | MARTIN LOUIS

207 wetlands

OUTSIDE PROTECTED AREAS IN TAMIL NADU HAVE POTENTIAL TO BE DECLARED AS BIRD SANCTUARIES

Objectives

Identification of hotspots with bird congregations outside protected areas

Wetland bird species composition, relative abundance, and distribution in different wetlands of TN

Formulating conservation and management initiatives to protect suitable wetlands and their avian diversity

1 | Adyar Estuary (Chennai)
2 | Achankulam (Coimbatore
3 | Nayapakkam lake (Thiruvallur)
4 | Nochimedu Lake (Thiruvallur)
5 | Kiliyur tank (Trichy)
6 | Mamandur lake (Tiruvannamalai)
7 | Kolarampathy Lake (Coimbatore)
8 | Thaiyur Lake (Chengalpattu)
9 | Sengulam Kanmaai (Madurai)
10 | Kelambakkam backwaters (Chengalpettu)

IMPORTANCE OF WETLANDS

The wetlands of Tamil Nadu serve as breeding, nesting, and foraging sites for several bird species, including migratory birds that travel long distances every year

Wetlands act as natural water filters, purifying water and improving its quality. They also help regulate the water cycle, preventing flooding during heavy rains and maintaining water availability during droughts

Additionally, wetlands provide important ecological services, such as carbon sequestration and nutrient cycling

Several studies have reported a high diversity of bird species in the state's wetlands, with some wetlands serving as important sites for migratory birds

For instance, a study conducted in the wetlands of Kanyakumari district reported the presence of 91 bird species, including 31 migratory species

A study in the Vellode Birds Sanctuary wetland reported the presence of 127 bird species, including several endangered species such as the painted stork and the black-necked stork

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @Chennai

TAMIL NADU is continuing its efforts to protect the wetlands, which play a pivotal role as habitats for diverse avian species besides offering unique hydrological and ecological characteristics.

The State-run Advanced Institute of Wildlife Conservation (AIWC) has conducted a detailed assessment and identified 207 wetlands across the State, which are located outside the protected areas, and have potential to be declared as bird sanctuaries.

These wetlands were classified based on bird abundance, area size, and presence of vulnerable species, adhering to wetland assessment protocols. Prominent wetland-rich districts include Chengalpattu, Coimbatore, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Madurai, Villupuram, Salem, and Kanyakumari.

A project report titled "Assessment and identification of potential wetlands as bird sanctuaries and conservation strategies for them in Tamil Nadu" was presented during the recently held annual conference at AIWC. The research team, including project scientist TT Shameer, project assistant D Divinia Juanita and junior research fellow M Riaz Sheriff have used the data from secondary sources like eBird to identify the potential wetlands. Government officials said the project compliments the ambitious Tamil Nadu Wetland Mission, which was launched by Chief Minister MK Stalin with a mandate to notify at least 100 wetlands.

"Our report stands as a fundamental reference for initiating an assessment of the potential to designate these wetlands as protected areas or community reserves. The focus of this assessment is to ensure the safeguarding of both the avian fauna and their associated habitats," the team said.

However, wetlands are under threat from various human activities such as urbanisation, agriculture, and resource extraction, as well as from natural events such as climate change and sea-level rise. Conservation efforts are therefore needed to protect and restore wetlands, to ensure that these valuable ecosystems can continue to provide their essential services to society, the report said.

According to the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project report, Tamil Nadu has about 8,312 wetlands covering an area of 4.63 lakh hectares (46,300 sqkm). These wetlands include tanks, ponds, lakes, reservoirs, estuaries, mangroves, and other types of water bodies.

10 priority wetlands

Among the 207 potential wetlands identified, the AIWC research team has zeroed-in on 10 top priority wetlands that needed immediate recognition. Adyar Estuary in Chennai, Achankulam in Coimbatore, Nayapakkam lake in Thiruvallur, Nochimedu Lake in Thiruvallur, Kiliyur tank in Trichy, Mamandur lake in Tiruvannamalai, Kolarampathy Lake in Coimbatore, Thaiyur Lake in Chengalpattu, Sengulam Kanmaai in Madurai and Kelambakkam backwaters in Chengalpettu are the priority wetlands.

For priotising the conservation efforts, a scoring system was developed, integrating critical factors like bird population and wetland area. Employing advanced Geographic Information System (GIS) technology, meticulous mapping of these prioritized sites, integrating data on boundaries, elevation, and zones of influence was done.

A total of 364 bird species were identified from these wetlands and categorised according to their IUCN conservation status. The analysis revealed 2 'Endangered', 336 'Least Concern', 16 'Near Threatened', 2 'Not Recognized', and 8 'Vulnerable Species'.

For instance, Adyar Estuary in Chennai, which measures 1.049 sq.km, it is home to a number of fishes, crustaceans, and marine species. It is also a crucial breeding ground for migratory birds that visit the coast during the winter. Apart from this, the Adyar eco-park is a protected area near the estuary. A total of 201 bird species have been recorded until September.

Among the wetland bird species, the Black-winged Stilt, Pacific Golden-Plover, and Little Stint stand out with substantial numbers, indicating their significant presence in wetland habitats. Among the near-threatened birds recorded in the wetland are Bar-tailed Godwit, Black-headed Ibis, Black-tailed Godwit, Curlew Sandpiper, Eurasian, Curlew, Eurasian Oystercatcher, Lesser Flamingo, Oriental Darter, Red-necked Falcon and Spot-billed Pelican. Additionally, vulnerable birds like the Black-capped Kingfisher and endangered birds like the Great Knot were recorded in this wetland.

AIWC officials said the information provided in this report serves as a valuable resource for decision-makers and environmental authorities looking to protect and preserve vital bird habitats and biodiversity. "By designating identified wetlands as bird sanctuaries, we can promote the conservation of avian species and their natural habitats, ensuring a sustainable and harmonious environment for wildlife and human communities," the report said.

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Publics are hereby informed that my client, **Mr. NAMBURI ROSIREDDY,** Age 44 years, S/o Sri. Venkata Subba Reddy, Residing at Flat No.1101, B Block, Mahaveer Tranquil Apartment, Nallurahalli, Bangalore-560066, Aadhar No.8739 1649 1312. would like to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property, from its owner **Mr. NITISH PRAKASH REDDY,** Aged about 25 years, S/o Sri. H. S. Prakash, Residing at No.1666, HAL 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560075. If any person/s having any objections to purchase the Schedule Property, having any right over the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and claims before the under signed, along with supporting documentary evidence within Ten days from date of this publication, and the objection and claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property, as there are no objections, claims and is free from all encumbrances.

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Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no.536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**
*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE-2024 (LOKSABHA)**
Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **26-BANGALORE SOUTH PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **SOWMYA REDDY**

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	Criminal antecedents		
1	a.	Nature of the offences	Mekedatu Padayatre
	b.	Case no.	CC 145/2022 Accused No : 22
	c.	Name of the Court	01st Addl Civil Judge(Jr Dvn) & JMFC Court Kanakapura
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Not Applicable
2	a.	Nature of the offences	PROTEST
	b.	Case no.	CC 25317/2022 Accused No : 12
	c.	Name of the Court	42nd ACMM (Spl Court to deal with Criminal Cases related to MPs/MLAs trailable by Magistrate in State of Karnataka), Bengaluru
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable
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3	a.	Nature of the offences	PROTEST
	b.	Case no.	Crime No.339/2023
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	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Not Applicable
4	a.	Nature of the offences	PROTEST
	b.	Case no.	Crime No.149/2022 Accused No : 21
	c.	Name of the Court	2nd ACMM Bengaluru
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable
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	b.	Case no.	Crime No.135/2018 Accused No : 01
	c.	Name of the Court	44th ACMM Bengaluru
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Not Applicable
6	a.	Nature of the offences	Criminal Case
	b.	Case no.	0070/2023 - Accused No: 2
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	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable
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Diamonds & emeralds ruled the style for the Ambani ladies at the Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's pre-wedding bash. Stylists predict why it's going to be a favourite among brides soon

GLAM AND GLIMMER

MONIKA MONALISA

IF there was anything else that dazzled brighter than the would-be-bride and groom at Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's pre-wedding party, it would probably be Nita Ambani's diamond and emerald necklace. It was not just the Ambani women who were seen donning their rocks, some guests like Natasha Poonawalla and Sonali Bendre also carried off their precious green rocks in style. Not just on the Indian red carpet, the recently-concluded Academy Awards also had stars pairing their haute couture with diamond and emerald-studded jewellery.

While precious stones have always been in trend, it's diamonds and emeralds which are having their moment in spotlight among brides and wedding guests. Fashion stylist Amit Pandya says, "I believe in the minimalistic approach. I have styled emeralds and diamonds on all body types and complexions. They go well on all outfits. Elaborate pieces and stunning rocks are statement pieces. It is good to see how today's women are so mindful about their approach towards jewellery". Pandya adds, "Bespoke jewellery is so vital these days as women have their own choices and tastes towards jewellery and outfits."

Wedding stylist Reshma Kunhi finds a combo of diamonds and emeralds to be versatile in nature. "They can be used for different types of events and not just for a muhuratam. In the Indian setting, brides can go for diamonds and emeralds for the reception too," she says.

Exactly what Shreya Pal, who recently tied the knot, did. For her sangeet outfit, she opted for this combo. "I wanted something contemporary and modern. The diamond and emerald set went perfectly with my white lehenga," she adds.

Nita Ambani

Sonali Bendre

CITY READ

St Claret College granted autonomous status

St Claret College, Jalahalli was recently granted an autonomous status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Government of Karnataka. This achievement empowers the college with greater academic and administrative freedom thereby allowing it to design its own curriculum, conduct examinations, and award degrees independently. Principal Dr Fr Thomas Thennadiyil said that the status validates their pursuit of excellence and innovation. The college, founded in 2005 by Claretian Missionaries, has 2,600 students and is accredited with an A+ grade by NAAC and approved by AICTE.

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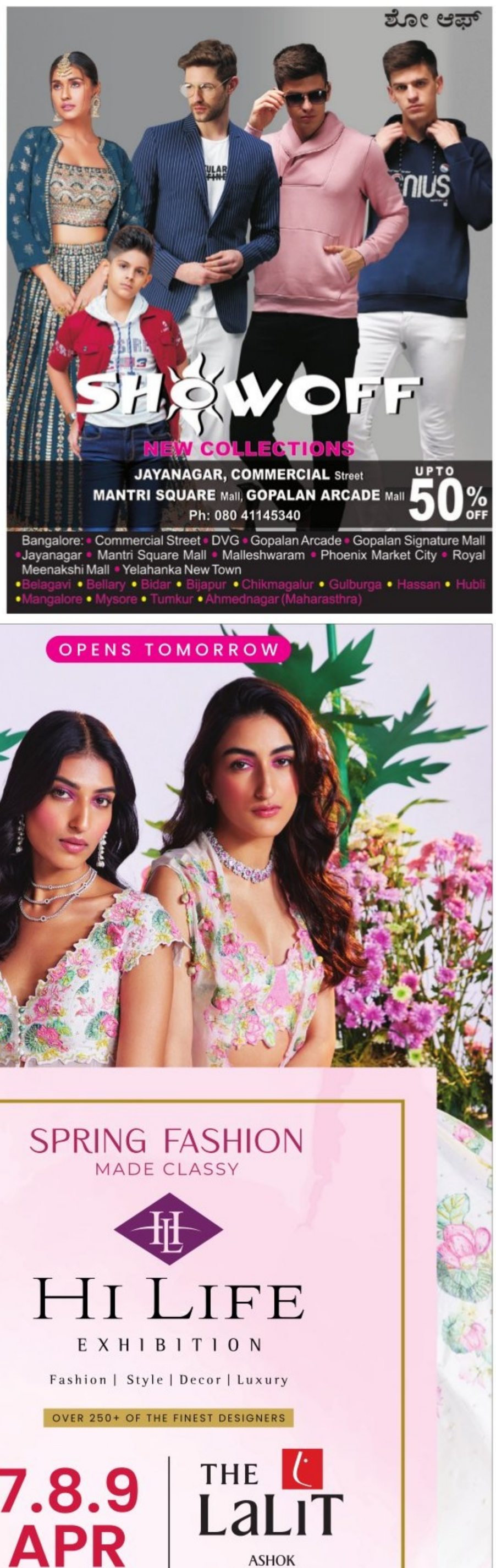
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2. Name the Brazilian cocktail with cachaca, lime, and sugar, commonly enjoyed in summer.

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AI's Vital Role in Imaging Diagnostics and Treatment

PRAKUL KUMAR H

Artificial Intelligence (AI) plays a significant role in medical imaging by enhancing diagnostics and treatment in several ways:

Image Analysis: AI algorithms can analyse medical images like X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans with high accuracy and speed, assisting radiologists in detecting abnormalities and making diagnoses.

Early Detection: AI can identify subtle changes in images that may indicate early stages of diseases such as cancer, enabling early intervention and improved patient outcomes.

Personalised Medicine: AI helps in tailoring treatment plans by analysing a patient's medical imaging data alongside other health information, leading to personalised and more effective treatment strategies.

Workflow Optimisation: AI-powered tools can automate routine tasks like image segmentation and measurements, reducing the workload on healthcare professionals and improving overall efficiency.

Decision Support: AI systems provide decision support by offering insights and recommendations based on vast amounts of data, assisting clinicians in making informed decisions about patient care.

Research and Development: AI accelerates medical imaging research by enabling large-scale analysis of imaging data, facilitating the discovery of new biomarkers, and advancing medical knowledge.

Telemedicine: AI-enhanced imaging allows for remote interpretation and consultation, making healthcare accessible to remote areas and improving collaboration among healthcare providers.

Quality Control: AI algorithms can assess image quality, detect artifacts, and ensure that images meet standards for accurate diagnosis and treatment planning.

So, in general, AI in medical imaging holds immense potential to revolutionise healthcare by improving diagnostic accuracy, enabling personalised treatments, optimising workflows, and advancing medical research and patient care.

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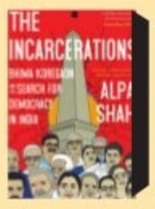
(The author is a student of Chirst University, Kengeri. His Registration Number is 2360125)

BOOK NOOK

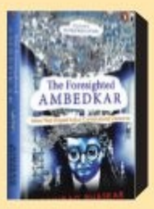
And They Lived...Ever After
by Rising Flame

Usually fairy tales demonise characters who live with disabilities, but this collection retells classic stories by weaving in their everyday struggles, joys, frustrations, and more that may not be known to the non-disabled.



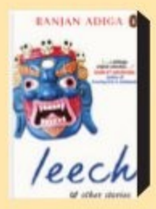
The Incarcerations
by Alpa Shah

Pulls back the curtain on Indian democracy to tell the chilling story of the Bhima Koregaon case, in which sixteen human rights defenders (the BK-16)—professors, lawyers, journalists, and poets — were imprisoned as Maoist terrorists without credible evidence and trial.



The Forsighted Ambedkar
by Anurag Bhaskar

The author argues that India's Constitution was drafted not just between 1946 and 1950 but over the course of four decades. This book covers the different constitutional moments as and when they happened, and it highlights Dr. Ambedkar's role in those moments.



Leech & Other Stories
by Ranjan Adiga

A leech caught inside a man's nostril reveals fissures of class, like a few who are caught between tradition and progress. The book dives into the stories and lives of contemporary Nepalis struggling to belong to new worlds. The stories explore the distance between home and abroad, desire and reality, allegiance and treachery.

TEMPLE JEWELLERY

A model displays pieces of jewellery depicting Hindu deities at the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council held at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre on Friday | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

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FARREY (Hindi)

After gaining admission into an elite school on scholarship, an orphan genius becomes entangled in a cheating racket when some of her rich friends lure her into helping them.

Cast: Alizeh Agnihotri, Prasanna Bisht, Juhi Babbar

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FOREIGN

ANATOMY OF A FALL (English)

A woman is suspected of her husband's murder, and their blind son faces a moral dilemma as the sole witness.

Cast: Sandra Huller, Samuel Theis, Milo Machado-Graner

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MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (English)

In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, deciding she must have one of her own. After working to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris that will change not only her own outlook — but the very future of the House of Dior.

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PARIVRTTA CHAIR TADASANA
(CHAIR SEATED TWISTS)

This beginner level pose is a twist that engages the spine, upper back, hips, neck and arms. It also keeps the joints active, which is helpful for seniors. This practice is a safe way to target the neck, hips, and shoulders, while simultaneously working on the back muscles. It releases the tensions in the neck, shoulders, back, and hips, quickly energising the body and mind.

STEPS

- Sit on your sit-bones, on a chair comfortably, keeping your back straight and long.
- Ensure your feet and knees roughly hip-width apart.
- Keeping your breathing relaxed, take a few deep breaths here.
- Inhale and lengthen your spine.
- Root yourself on the chair with your sit bones, but extend the spine to the ceiling simultaneously.
- Imagine you are creating space between the vertebrae. Keep your shoulders rolled back, relaxed and keep your navel slightly pulled in.
- Exhale, twist towards the right, placing your right hand on the back of the chair.
- Bring your left hand outside the right thigh, and with the next exhalation, go deeper into the twist, keeping your shoulders away from the ears.
- Your left hip and thigh will start to slide forward at this point. Make sure to keep them in place.
- Check your knees, and keep them in line with each other. Try not to let the left knee move ahead.
- Turn your head to the side and look over your right shoulder.
- Stay here for a few breaths.
- Inhale, release your hands, come back to the starting position. Exhale, and repeat the process on the other side.
- It can be performed for a few rounds, holding for a few seconds on each side.

BENEFITS

- Helps stretch the sides of the spine.
- Relieves mild back aches.
- People with chronic back pain who cannot sit on the floor use this method.
- Improves blood flow to arms and shoulders, especially muscles, tissues and lymph nodes around the neck.
- Eases bad posture, stress, injury of muscles, or otherwise the shoulders and neck muscle knots.
- Helps provide stability.
- Increases blood circulation in the abdominal regions and pelvic floor.
- Helps lengthen the spine mindfully, and the twisting element helps detoxify.
- Works on the parasympathetic nerves in the neck and sacral region.
- Activates the body's 'Rest and Digest' mechanism.
- Increases efficiency of the digestive and excretory system of the body.
- Sends the signal to the body to relax, and de-stress.
- Intercostal muscles encourage deeper breathing.
- Helps with more oxygen intake, keeping the body fresh and energised.
- Helps seniors for better functioning of their lungs and heart.
- It is a part of therapeutic yoga.
- Students recovering from hip surgery, trouble during the third trimester (due to blood pressure, or water retention), and undergoing trauma, can gain.
- Helps increase immunity.
- Senior citizens who spend a lot of their time sitting on a chair can practise it.

LIMITATIONS

- Those who have had surgeries in hernia, appendicitis etc., pelvic floor, or lower back, slip disc, weak knees, SI joint, tailbone issues, are obese, have frequent cramps in the abdomen, scoliosis, lordosis or kyphosis, should practise it after taking the advice of yoga expert. Those with injury in the neck, shoulders, ribcage, or spine, should practise after recovery.
- Those with severe conditions of blood pressure, heart ailments, digestion, neck spondylitis, IBD, recovering from diastasis recti, headaches, or anything that causes tensions, aches, pain during the pose, avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

QUICKFIX

JACKFRUIT SEED PODIMASS

INGREDIENTS

- **Jackfruit seeds:** 200 g
- **Green chilli:** 2, chopped
- **Lime juice to taste**
- **Grated coconut:** 1/4 cup
- **Chopped ginger:** 1/2 tsp
- **Salt to taste**

FOR TEMPERING:

- **Mustard seeds, urad dal, chopped curry leaves, oil**

METHOD

- Remove the white skin of the seed.
- Pressure cook the seeds for 3-4 whistles. Mash them coarsely.
- In a wok, add oil and the ingredients for tempering.
- When done, add the mashed seeds, grated coconut, green chilli, ginger and salt.
- Mix well on low flame. Remove from fire. Add lime juice.
- Serve with rice.

Contributed by **Rama Shecar,** Kochi

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DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Verses meet laughter

Experience the unique blend of poetry and comedy with Instagram sensation **Manhar Seth** in his show *Main Shayar Toh Nahi*, complete with engaging crowdwork.

WHEN: April 7, 7pm
WHERE: MLR Convention Centre, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Crafting Stories

Dive into the art of storytelling with Chamber Series - The Panchatantra Way – a workshop by storyteller **Vikram Sridhar**. Learn to craft and create timeless tales for all ages, drawing wisdom and inspiration from the ancient *Panchatantra*.

WHEN: April 7, 4pm
WHERE: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
CALL: 9632510126

Till The Sun Rises

Get ready for an electrifying Sunday Sundowner with a stellar artist lineup ,including Hrithwik, Mental Machine, Agent Bugs, Tanvi, and more. Immerse yourself in two rooms of vibrant music and a lively flea market.

WHEN: April 7, 3pm onwards
WHERE: Koramangala Social, Koramangala
CALL: 9152010479

Rhythm and Chords

Strum your way to mastery at this ukulele workshop. From finger-strengthening exercises to music theory, unlock the secrets to playing this versatile instrument with confidence and skill.

WHEN: April 6, 12pm
WHERE: My School Of Rock, Adugodi
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Jumping Joy

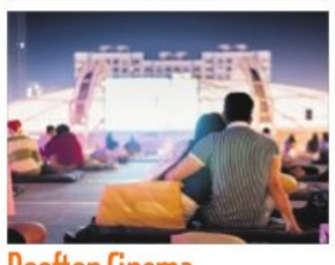
Leap into fun at Bounce Bengaluru, a 40,000 sqft indoor action-adventure park featuring over 100 trampolines and 20 exhilarating activities, including a zip line, wall climb, and more - perfect for all ages!

WHEN: April 7, 8pm
WHERE: Bounce Inc, Rajajinagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Fest

Watch **Rupali Tyagi**'s standup comedy set, where she brings to life relatable characters from everyday situations, sharing insights from her journey as a wife, mother, and more.

WHEN: April 7, 7pm
WHERE: Wire Up, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Rooftop Cinema

Settle for a charming rooftop movie night with Sunset Cinema Club, presenting the Bollywood classic *Jab We Met*. Enjoy a starlit evening with comfy seating and an unforgettable film under the night sky.

WHEN: April 6, 7pm
WHERE: Forum South Bangalore, Konanakunte
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

MERGING MOMENTS

Artist Varalakshmi B's mandala work depicts the merging of the physical and spiritual self

TASTE THE CHANGE

This weekend, at Namma Oota, a food festival by Science Gallery Bengaluru, discover the delicious side of sustainability

DESE GOWDA

FOOD festivals are synonymous with indulgence – a vibrant celebration of flavours, textures, and cuisines. But what if a food festival could be more than just a culinary adventure? Science Gallery Bengaluru's Namma Oota reimagines the concept, using the familiar format to unveil the fascinating science behind our everyday meals.

Designed to complement the gallery's ongoing flagship exhibition CARBON, Namma Oota highlights the vital role of carbon in our food systems. Gayatri Manu, senior programming director, explains the vision behind the festival: "With carbon, one of the first things that came to mind was its fundamental role in all living organisms and how it governs the way we live. We also wanted to address ongoing concerns around food production given rising temperatures, changes in land-use patterns, and other factors. Our goal was to explore the future of food and showcase initiatives taken by people in the city to find more sustainable ways of approaching food systems."

Visitors can expect a vibrant farmers' market-style atmosphere with stalls featuring carefully-curated, sustainable food vendors. "From food made out of repurposed spent grains to locally-grown produce, there's something for everyone who cares about where their food comes from," says Manu.

Namma Oota will be held on April 6 and 7 at Science Gallery Bengaluru, Bellary Road. Entry Free. For more details visit bengaluru.sciencegallery.com

Beyond being a delight for the tastebuds, Namma Oota also features engaging workshops, and lively performances. Young adults between the ages of 15 and 28 get to learn how to create a planet-friendly kitchen with chef Nayantara Bagla, discover the fascinating world of fungi with Nuvedo's mushroom growing workshop, and master the art of kombucha fermentation. "We often view food solely through the lens of sustenance, but we want to inspire curiosity in our visitors. We want them to ask questions: Where does my food come from? What processes are involved? Are certain types of food production more harmful to the environment than others?" says Manu, adding, "We recognise that youngsters often lack dedicated mentorship opportunities outside their academic settings. We want to create an inclusive space specifically for them, where they feel comfortable contributing to the conversation without feeling overshadowed by other age groups. For this reason, our workshops have an age restriction."

On Sunday evening, visitors also get to let loose with an open mic, which is followed by a lively rap session by Carter Rough and the Mad Scientist Cypher. "While the open mic isn't directly focused on food, it subtly links to the festival's theme while contributing to the overall festive atmosphere," shares Manu, adding, "But most importantly, with these sessions, we'd like to welcome performers as we're the new kid on the block!"

The festival hopes to go beyond just a food experience. "We want to encourage visitors to think critically about their food choices and to support local initiatives that are shaping a better food system," Manu explains.

LOAD SHEDDING!

RUBINATIONS

Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

I have always been a very light sleeper. Even as a child, a messy bed with crinkled sheets would keep me awake. It used to exasperate my mother but my indulgent father used to laugh it off by calling it the 'pea-under-the princess' -mattress syndrome'! As I have grown older, my insomnia has become a full-blown problem where sometimes, I wake up tired because of the lack of sleep. So when a friend invited me to meet Ayurveda practitioner and author of *How to Sleep Better,* Deepa Kanan (who outlined a 10 step protocol for sleep), wild horses couldn't hold me back. It was an insightful discussion, what with the ladies present sharing their sleep-deprivation problems. The atmosphere was both educational as well as mirthful. I don't know if my sleep problems were solved but no harm in a little R&R, me thinks!

I was looking forward to our monthly Chaîne-des-Rôtisseurs India Chapter dinner. The venue was at the Sheraton Grand where we converged at the newly opened Zarf, an Indian speciality restaurant headed by the talented chef JP Singh.

Membership of the Chaîne-des-Rôtisseurs is by personal invitation. Belonging to a truly international community brings a wealth of opportunities for their members to participate in exciting events worldwide. The Indian chapter boasts of the 'who's who' on their discerning membership rolls. So, proudly displaying by membership insignia, I travelled over hill and dale just to be amongst friends and to titillate my taste-buds to what promised to be truly 'A Passage to India' fare. Usually their sit-down dinners are formal affairs, but this time we had an opportunity to mingle and mix and happily ended up meeting a host of newer faces with whom we built an instant rapport!

It is there that I impetuously decided that the long Easter weekend had to be spent in Goa! Of course there were things to do, people to meet and places to go before we jetted off. A Holi party at the Leela Palace at the invitation of my very talented friend, 'Dikra' Behram Siganporia, was on the cards and we landed up en-masse to hear him sing. This effervescent wonderboy has the crowd eating out of his hand, while the young and (not so) young let down their hair and grooved to his beat.

As soon we landed, the first call went out to my friend Neha Chhabra from Bengaluru who has just shifted to take over the reins of JW Marriott in Goa. She invited us to reconnaissance the 'uber- fab' Peruvian restaurant, Heliconia. Heliconiine, the beautiful Peruvian flower blooms effortlessly in Goa too and the restaurant is set in an exquisite garden surrounded by them. Peruvian chef Arturo Castro Salazar helms the creative kitchen and was happy to talk us through on how Nikkei cooking (fusion dishes of the micro-diaspora between Japan and Peru), which began in the late 19th century, came to be one of the trendiest cuisines to cook up globally. We were more than happy to jump right into a selection of his signature ceviche, including classic Hamachi, and wash them down with excellent Pisco Sours.

Arturo Castro & Neha Chhabra

Omana Mathews, Deepa Kannan and Ritu George

After a much-needed break, I have learned that it isn't the load that breaks you down, but it's how you carry it!

(The writer's views are personal)

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SHANKARAN C, SHANKAR REDDY C S/o. Chinnappa Reddy aged about 76 years residing at No.55, Ramakrishna Mutt Road, Halasuru, Bangalore -500008, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) SHANKARAN C, SHANKAR REDDY C to (NEW NAME) SHANKAR C vide affidavit dated 23.03.2024 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DEEPA VASANT KULKARNI (Old Name), have changed my name as DEEPA GURURAJ KATTI (New Name), R/o. No. 16, 2nd Main, ITI Layout, Kathriguppe Main Road, B.S.K. 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560085, vide affidavit sworn before Mamatha N.K. Notary, Bengaluru on 03-04-2024.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) VIJAYALAKSHMI B residing at No.14, 6th Cross, Gopalappa Layout, Opposite to BMTC Sports Centre, Manorayanapalya, Bangalore North, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my Minor daughter's name from (OLD NAME) VAISHNAVI K P to (NEW NAME) DEEKSHA K P vide affidavit dated 07.03.2024 sworn before Notary Leela Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SACHIN GURUNATH SANGUNDE, R/o No. 28, Ammabhagavan Nilaya, 1st Cross, 4th Main Road, Durgaparameshwari Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560 097 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SACHIN to SACHIN GURUNATH SANGUNDE, henceforth I shall be known and called as SACHIN GURUNATH SANGUNDE for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 02-04-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary RATNA .N at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, IMRAN PASHA, S/o. Mukthiyar Pasha, Aged about 36 years, Residing at No. 523, 11th Cross, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Chandra Layout, Nagarabhavi Post, Bengaluru - 560 072, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from IMRAN PASHA M to IMRAN PASHA vide affidavit dated 04.04.2024 sworn before P.K. Nalinakshi, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, R. GIRISH, the guardian of my son AARADHYA PATEL and residing at No. 1/3, VST Road, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore - 560 084, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from ARADHYA to AARADHYA PATEL vide affidavit dated 02.01.2024 sworn to before Y.R. Chandrasekar, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SWETHA KUMARI V, D/o. Vijaya Kumar C. R/a #81/1, 2nd Floor, Patel Muniyappa Layout, V Nagenahalli, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560032, declare that in the Baptism Certificate as my name recorded as SWETHA DEBORAH and now have changed my Name to SWETHA KUMARI V also my Date of Birth wrongly entered as 31.01.1989 instead of my Correct DOB: 31.08.1989. Vide affidavit dated 4.3.2024 before Notary S. Samuel Solomon, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mrs.Raksha S Bhagwan, Wife of Mr.Vinay Kumar, aged about 42 years, residing at #B-4934, Brigade Meadows, #122, Kanakapura Main Road, Saaluhunase Village, Udaypura Post, Bangalore-560082 have changed my daughter's name from Raaga K. Vinay to RAAGA VINAY Vide Affidavit dated 02.04.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary Mohammed Hussain .K, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VIJAYALAXMI BALASUBRAMANIAN (Old Name), D/o CHEMBAI NARAYANAN GOWRI MANI & W/o BALASUBRAMANIAN VISWANATHAN, residing at C-204, Mantri Elegance, Bannerghatta Road, N.s. Palya, Bangalore - 560076, India, changed my name from VIJAYALAXMI BALASUBRAMANIAN to VIJAYALAKSHMI BALASUBRAMANIAN due to correction in passport vide affidavit dated 03.04.2024, sworn before Notary Aravind patil G G Henceforth, I shall be known as VIJAYALAKSHMI BALASUBRAMANIAN for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) AMINA SAIBAH KHAN residing at No.678F, 9th Main, 8th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) AMINA SAIBAH KHAN to (NEW NAME) AMINA SAIBAH SARRAJ ALI vide affidavit dated 03.04.2024 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Raghurajan son of Sri. Marath Sreenarayanan Nair aka MS Nair, Aged about 60 years, residing at # 8, Nisarg, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Chamundeshwari Layout, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru - 560 097, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Raghurajan to Raghurajan Nair vide affidavit dated 28.03.2024 sworn to before G.B. Turamari, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DARSHAN KUMAR C JAIN, aged about 20 years, S/o. Chetan Prakash Jain, residing at #41/12, Kanchana Apartment, 3rd Floor, Akkipet Main Road, Chickpet, Bangalore-560053, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from DARSHAN KUMAR to DARSHAN KUMAR C JAIN, vide affidavit dated 05.04.2024, sworn to before Mamatha .N.K, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, K. SRILATHA, D/o M.R.S. Pillai, legally wedded wife of Ashok Kumar Sekhar, residing at No. 78, RKN Layout, Kammasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560 049 have changed my name from K. SRILATHA to SRILATHA K, vide affidavit dated 04/04/2024, sworn before VII Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VERONICA DEEPA W/o Robert John L, R/at No. 28, 17th Cross, L R Nagar, Koramangala, Viveknagar, Bengaluru-560 047, have changed my name to DEEPA T R, vide affidavit dated 05/04/2024, before Notary S.I. BALAGURU, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GANAPATHI BHAT K M S/o late. Venkataramana Bhat R/at No.292, 10th Main NGEF Layout, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-560072 have changed my name to GANAPATHI BHAT vide affidavit dated: 03/04/2024 Before Notary B.S.Hemanth Kumar Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I NANCY KRISHNAN residing at No.987, Flat No. S-2, Subhiksha Apartment, Ideal Homes Layout, Opp BSNL Telephone Exchange, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560098 I have changed my name from NANCY KHATTER to NANCY KRISHNAN vide affidavit dt: 01-04-2024, sworn before notary N.Sandya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SANDHYA PARVATHI AMBATI W/o Banothu Swarna Srinivas Naik R/o F #111, Mahaveer Glacier House, Vijaya Layout, 1st Cross 1st main, Arekere, Bengaluru – 560076, have changed my name as SANDHYA PARVATHI BANOTHU, vide affidavit dated 05.04.2024, sworn before notary Aravind Patil G.G, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) AMINA SAIBAH SARRAJ ALI residing at No.678F, 9th Main, 8th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043, have changed my minor daughter's name from (OLD NAME) MIZAN KHAN to (NEW NAME) MIZAN SARRAJ ALI vide affidavit dated 03.04.2024 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, TRISHA .R, age 23 years, D/o Rajashekar L, R/at Flat No. 1304, 25th Main, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 069 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from R ADITI to TRISHA .R, henceforth I shall be known and called as TRISHA .R for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 04th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary Mahesha J.J. at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, MOHAMMED ISAQ, S/o. Mahaboob Sab, Aged about 65 years, Residing at No. 56, Vinayaka Layout, Gotegere Post, Bannerghatta Road, Pillaganahalli, Bengaluru - 560 083, do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from MOHAMMED ISAQ to MOHAMMED IQBAL vide affidavit dated 1.4.2024 sworn to before K.C. Gowthami, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SALEEMA HYDER, D/o. Hyder Ali, Aged about 47 years, resident of No. 208, Chowriappa Constellation Hennur Geddalahalli, Kothanur, Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560077, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SALEEMA TAHER to SALEEMA HYDER, vide affidavit dated 05.04.2024, sworn to before S. Samuel Solomon, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KARAN KOTHARI, being minor represented by mother Smt. TARUNA SANJEEV KOTHARI declare that SMT and SHRI the prefix to my parents' name SANJEEV CHANDULAL KOTHARI and TARUNA SANJEEV KOTHARI to be changed/interchanged as SHRI and SMT and to be recorded / incorporated as SHRI. SANJEEV CHANDULAL KOTHARI and SMT. TARUNA SANJEEV KOTHARI, vide Affidavit dated: 28/03/2024, sworn before Notary C.V.EARAPPA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SAGAR S/o GANESH DHANPAL R/at No.11/3, 80feet Outer Ring Road, Nagadevanahalli Bengaluru- 560056 have changed my name to SAGAR GANESH vide affidavit dated: 2/4/2024 Before Notary Puttaramaiah Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUSHEELA DEVI, aged about 63 years, w/o. M. Shantilal Jain, residing at No.194/1-1, 2nd floor, 2nd Main, Magadi Main Road, Opp. Kamakshipalya traffic station, HVR Layout, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name from SUSHEELA DEVI LODHA to SUSHEELA DEVI Vide Affidavit dated 05.04.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary M.K. DEVAKI, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt NALINI G.S D/o Mr.Sharanaiah Guddenahalli., aged about 59 years, residing at No 210,1st Main, 2nd stage, West of Chord Road, Bangalore North, Mahalakshmipuram layout, Bengaluru - 86. I state that my name is NALINI G.S. In my passport (Y7366227) its Nalini Sridhara. Here after in all further proceedings records & acts my name shall be as NALINI G.S Hence this vide affidavit sworn on 04.04.2024 before advocate and Notary, Vanajakshi.R Bengaluru - 560003

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) AMINA SAIBAH SARRAJ ALI residing at No.678F, 9th Main, 8th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043, have changed my minor Daughter's name from (OLD NAME) MEHWISH FATIMA KHAN to (NEW NAME) MEHWISH FATIMA SARRAJ ALI vide affidavit dated 03.04.2024 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, BIPIN B J, S/o. Jayaram Chinnappa Bekal, Aged about 57 years, Residing at No. 229, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, MICO Layout, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 076, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from BIPIN KUMAR B J to BIPIN B J vide affidavit dated 05.04.2024 sworn to before Puttaramaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, AHALYA .N.S, W/o Mr. Ramanna H.V, R/at No. 711, 6th Main, 9th Cross, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, Near Ganesh Temple, H B R Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560 043 do hereby declare that my husband Mr. RAMANNA H.V, S/o H V Sunder Raju, retired as Subedhar with Regimental No. JC098552F in the Indian Army and getting the Retirement Pension Benefit. I am known and referred to as "AHALYA .N.S" in all my official records and my date of birth is 02-06-1951, vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary D.S. CHANDRAKANTH at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LEELAVATHY, spouse of No. 14346016Y Ex.NK. BASAVE GOWDA B.L, R/at Door No. 224, 1st Cross, New Chowdeshwari Colony, Yemlur, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560 037 have changed my name from LEELAVATHY to LEELAVATHI, vide affidavit dated 4-4-2024, sworn before Notary S. SAMUEL SOLOMON, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ROSITA CHRISTY, D/o Christy Babu, residing at No. 255, 5th Cross, Oil Mill Road, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru North, Kacharakanahalli, Bengaluru-560 084 have changed my name to ROSITA CHRISTY C, vide affidavit dated 05-04-2024, before Notary MEER HASSAN at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SALEEM KHAN MAHBOOB S/o Mahaboob Khan, R/at No.34, 2nd Cross, 80 Feet Road, Hunasinakere, Hassan-573201, have changed my name to SALEEM KHAN vide affidavit dated: 05/4/2024 Before Notary M.Rajendra Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DEEPIKA BELLUBBI, W/o Mr. Ravikumar Bellubbi. R/a Flat No.405, Sukriti, The Auspicious Apartment, Industrial Suburb, Near Mysore Fruit Factory, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bangalore North , Bangalore – 560086. I Have Changed My Name From Deepika Heddurshetti to DEEPIKA BELLUBBI. Vide Affidavit Date : 04.04.2024 . Sworn Before Notary: Vanajakshi. R.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, K A KAVYA D/o K M Anne Gowda, residing at #466, Rajarajeshwari Nilaya, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Krishana Garden Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098 have changed my name as K A SATHVIKA vide affidavit 02/04/2024 notary S R Thulasikrishna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMAD ARIF residing at No.29/1, AFGM Manzil, 3rd Cross, Kausar Nagar, Dinnur Main Road, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) MOHAMMAD ARIF to (NEW NAME) MUHAMMAD ARIF SIDDIQUI vide affidavit dated 04.04.2024 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, BHARATHI JAIN, aged about 36 years, W/o. Ashwin Kumar Jain, Residing at No. 09 Flat No. H-1304 ETA Garden Apartment, Magadi Road, K P Agrahara, Bengaluru-560023, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from BHARATHI RAMESH JAIN to BHARATHI JAIN, vide affidavit dated 03.04.2024, sworn to before Anitha Bai, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Shyla .D, W/o. Ruthramani, Aged about 47 years, R/at No. 1282, 6th Cross, AECS Layout, D Block, Kundalahalli, Marathahalli Colony, Bangalore - 560 037, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from HRISHITH RUTHRAMANI to HRISHITH .R vide affidavit dated 04.04.2024 sworn to before Dr. R.S. Vijay, Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PREETI SARNA REGO, Aged about 39 years, D/o. Hiralal Sarna, Residing at No. 52/4, 3rd Floor, 2nd A Cross, R.A. Road, Ejipura, Viveknagara Post, Bengaluru - 560 047, do hereby declare that my names i.e., PREETI SARNA, PREETI REGO and PREETI SARNA REGO are one and the same and all three names belongs to me only and for none others and in future I will continue my name as PREETI SARNA REGO only for all correspondence and transactions. Vide affidavit dated 15.02.2024 sworn to before G. Dayananda, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

NAME CONFIRMATION
I, Ranjani Parthasarathy Murthy W/o Arvind Murthy, R/@ No. 05, 2nd Main, Chikkamaranahalli, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560094. I hereby declare that my name is before Marriage given in all the documents & Driving License as Ranjani P. After that Marriage my name changed as RANJANI PARTHASARATHY MURTHY. I am swearing this affidavit that all two names mentioned above belong to the same person & I will be using the name RANJANI PARTHASARATHY MURTHY in all the documents from hereon, vide affidavit dated 05.04.2024 sworn before Notary Chandrakala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NARAYANA, resident of 14/1-3, MANJU NILAYA, 4th 'B' MAIN, 4th CROSS, ATMANANADA COLONY, R.T NAGAR BENGALURU-560032, have changed my name to NARAYANA G vide Affidavit dated 01.04.2024 sworn before advocate and notary Smt. A. Manjula, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Deepali Balakrishna Ksheersagar, D/o Balakrishna Jayalakshmi Ramachander. R/a No.11, 11th Main, Padmanabhanagar, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560070. I Have Changed My Name From Deepali Balakrishna to DEEPALI BALAKRISHNA KSHEERSAGAR. Vide Affidavit Date: 04.04.2024. Sworn Before Notary : S. Venkatasubba Reddy.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAGHAVENDRA DESHAPANDE (Old Name), have changed my name as RAGHAVENDRA GANAPATARAO DESHAPANDE (New Name), R/o. F-1, 1st FLOOR, SHRIKRISHNA B BLOCK, 5th MAIN, 5th CROSS, BOB COLONY, PUTTENAHALLI, J.P. NAGAR 7th PHASE, BENGALURU, karnataka-560078, today at Dharwad, vide affidavit sworn before B.H. Koloor Notary, Dharwad on 04-04-2024.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SHARDHA DEVI is mother of No. 13625002N, Rank Hav (Clk) Samta Chauhan residing at Village - Sultanpur, Post - Jalalabad, Teh - Jakhanian, Distt Ghazipur (UP), have changed my name from (OLD NAME) SHARDHA DEVI to (NEW NAME) SHARDA DEVI vide affidavit dated 04.04.2024 sworn before Notary Leela, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. YAMANAPPA KUNTOJI, R/o Bandegudda Camp, Narayanapur, Narayanapur Rural, Narayanpur Post, Shorapur Taluk, Yadgir District, now at Bangalore do hereby declare that I have changed my name from YAMANAPPA to Mr. YAMANAPPA KUNTOJI, henceforth I shall be known and called as Mr. YAMANAPPA KUNTOJI for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 4th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary P. ANURADHA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VARSHA .G, R/at Muniswamappa Lane Cross, Beside Dharmarayaswamy Temple, Thigalarpet, No. 99, Thigararpet, Bengaluru-560 002, have changed my daughter name from ARADYA RIYA THEJAS to ARADHYA RIYA T, vide affidavit dated 04/04/2024 before Notary L. GOPALAKRISHNA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, P. JANKI DEVI, spouse of No. 14323012W, Ex.HAV P RAJENDRA PRASAD, residing at Flat No. 6.2.3.4, Fantasy Lakshmi Anugraha, VTC, Basapura PO, Electronics City, Bengaluru-560100 have changed my name from P. JANKI DEVI to P. JANAKI DEVI, vide affidavit dated 4-4-2024, sworn before Notary S. SAMUEL SOLOMON, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, 1. VISHWANATH .C.N, S/o Narasegowda .C, aged about 42 years and 2. Smt. Nethravathi .K, W/o C.N Vishwanath aged about 33 years, both R/at No.43/86, 24th Cross, Rajiv Gandhi nagar, Channappa layout, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore-560091. do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from C.V GAGANA / GAGANA .C.V to SHREYA YADAV .C.V henceforth my daughter's name SHREYA YADAV .C.V only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20/03/2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary PUTTARAMAIAH at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRIYANKA GAUD D/o. Dungar Mal Gour, Block A 604, MJR Pearl Apts., Opp. Whitefield Metro Station, Kadugodi Plantation, Kadugodi, Bangalore 560067 I declare that my father names Dungar Mal Gour and Dungarmal Gaud are not different personalities but one and the same. but in my School / college Records my father name was mentioned as Dungarmal Gaud correct name is Dungar Mal Gour vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Umamaheswary MN, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Purvi Plancheite, R/at #131, 1st Floor, 5th Cross, ITI Layout, Near R. V. Dental College, J.P.Nagar, 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560078, I state that I have changed my name from PURVI RAO P to PURVI PLANCHEITE. Vide affidavit dated 05.04.2024. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Rashmi Patel, Bengaluru.

JAAJI

EPONYMOUS DEBUT SINGLE UNVEILED

CE FEATURES

EVERY artiste, stepping into the cinema world, brings their own unique approach to the table. As for Jaaji, her entry into the film world comes with a song video album, bearing her own name. The debut is memorable for the young talent as her music album was unveiled by none other than Challenging Star Darshan. The song produced by Sunitha Mohan Raju was released under the DBeats musical label, as well as in the presence of producer Shylaja Nag and music director V Harikrishna. Composed by Harshith Gowda and sung by popular singer Aishwarya Rangarajan, *Jaaji* song choreographed by Mohan, has become an instant earworm, trending across music platforms.

"Making this video album is nothing short of creating a film, as it took me a year to complete this song," shares Jaaji, as she expresses her gratitude for Darshan's support. Ex-Deputy Mayor CR Ram Mohan Raju, Jaaji's father, is equally elated with his daughter's progression as her first attempt at a Kannada video song receives acclaim.

> The young talent shares her lifelong passion for dance, crediting Nora Fatehi as her biggest inspiration

Jaaji, a Bharatanatyam dancer who has also trained in Western art forms since childhood, always dreamed of becoming an actor, hoping to initially display her dance talents. "As my grandfather was a drama artist, I've been witnessing the craft from a young age. My mother has been a guiding force throughout, and I aspire to fulfil her dreams. Back in high school, I expressed to my parents that the creative world is where I belong, and they encouraged me," says Jaaji, whose biggest inspiration is Nora Fatehi. "Nora Fatehi is phenomenal with her dancing abilities. I admire her talent. She leads special numbers and commands the centre stage with her charming presence. She has also been part of strong female characters in films. Drawing inspiration from her, I have crafted this video to showcase my own dancing skills," Jaaji reveals with admiration.

For Jaaji, dance is not just an art form but also a valuable lesson in expertise. Having trained under Professor M R Krishnamurthy for 16 to 17 years and studied in government-run courses on the art of dance, she believes acting is her ultimate goal. "To me, dancing serves as my stepping stone into the world of cinema. I want to create something unique and hope to be a part of dance-oriented scripts," Jaaji asserts, highlighting her eagerness to explore diverse roles. With a desire to make her debut in Kannada cinema and challenge the notion of importing actors, who are good dancers, from Bollywood, Jaaji asserts, "There is abundant talent within the local industry, who can match to the standards of Bollywood and even Hollywood as well."

Jaaji

AVATARA PURUSHA 2

LEAVES YOU STRANDED IN THE WORLD OF TRISHANKU, WANTING FOR MORE

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR Suni, who employs signature humour in his films, has often explored and experimented within the bounds of a genre. Celebrated for his straightforward yet impactful storytelling, he ventured into an innovative comedy project with *Avatara Purusha,* blending elements of black magic with Indian mythology. The original film focused on the disappearance of Karna, leading to family rifts. Meanwhile, Yashoda's daughter Siri endeavours to mend bonds by finding Karna with the help of junior artiste Anila (Sharan). Meanwhile, a parallel narrative follows the family's struggle to protect the Trishanku stone from antagonists Dharka (Ashutosh Rana) and Hinnudi (Balaji Manohar). The sequel, which builds on the storyline from the original film, takes place two years after the events of the first film. The goal remains consistent: the quest for a potent artefact promising life in the alternate world of Trishanku Swarga.

The rich production and interesting cast, including versatile performances by Sharan and seasoned actors like Saikumar, Ashutosh Rana, and others, added depth to *Avatara Purusha*. Ashika Ranganath and Srinagara Kitty also left a short but notable impression, while Sadhu Kokila's comedic presence added a lighthearted touch. With cinematographer William David setting the perfect mood and Arjun Janya's background score enhancing the film's impact, the collaboration between Suni and Sharan promised something fresh and unique, leaving the audience eagerly anticipating the sequel. Does the sequel reach the same levels of enthusiasm and intrigue?

The over-enthusiastic Anila's (Sharan) true nature is exposed by the arrival of Kumara (Srinagara Kitty). The battle for the Trishanku Mani intensifies as both Anila (Sharan) and Kumara aim to possess it. Meanwhile, Anila confides in Siri (Ashika Ranganatfh), about his past involvement in black magic and witchcraft. He shares his journey of escaping the darkness and finding redemption under a spiritual mentor. When Daraka seeks the Trishanku Mani, Anila, who is familiar with both worlds, decides to aid the Jois family. Will Anila's plans to conquer his Trishanku world emerge victorious in this clash of evils, fueled by spirituality? Or does he have selfish motives of his own? The story does not end here, with Suni giving an open end to another part.

As depicted in historical accounts of Trishanku's world, 'Trishanku's pursuit of heaven while still in his mortal form resulted in a unique realm of his own creation.' The film oscillates between comedy and black magic, and Suni touches upon the thematic extremes in a way that feels tonally inconsistent. Similar to the Trishanku world, *Avatara Purusha 2* feels neither grounded nor elevated. The film lacks coherence, with abrupt shifts between scenes and an overabundance of flashbacks. Character demises are too sudden, particularly Kitty and Sudharani's characters. The film's attempts at humour barely work, and the filmmakers seem to have tried their best with the visual effects. The climactic confrontation between Anila and Daraka ends in a cold and abrupt manner.

Simple Suni's sequel, *Avatara Purusha 2* isn't quite a comedy, horror, or even fantasy; it's a journey that leaves viewers stranded in Trishanku status, unsure of where to turn. While Sharan's comedic prowess is undeniable, the film struggles to find its footing amidst a barrage of disjointed backstories. Though Sharan's wit flickers, the film's plunge into supernatural territories lacks the gravity to catch our attention. Ashika Ranganath has less screen time compared to her scenes in the original film. While select moments between Saikumar and Sharan offer fleeting respite, the film's scattered ultimately disconnects the audience, failing to satisfy them fully. For aficionados of the occult, this sequel offers little in terms of both laughs and magic. For those invested in the series, and those curious to see how the film moves forward, prepare to be suspended in Trishanku Svarga through the world of *Avatara Purusha.*

AVATARA PURUSHA
Director: Suni
Cast: Sharan, Ashika Ranganath, Srinagar Kitty, Bhavya, and Sudharani

RATING 2.5/5

Interesting premise let down by an unfocused execution

BHARJARI GANDU
Director: Prasiddh
Cast: Kiran Raj
Yash Shivakumar, Ramesh Bhat, and Veena Sundar

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR Prasiddh's sophomore effort, *Bharjari Gandu*, with its nostalgic narrative and execution, harkens back to the old-school filmmaking style. *Bharjari Gandu* unfolds in a picturesque village grappling with a dire water crisis, where age-old traditions collide with modern sensibilities.

The narrative revolves around the unwavering faith of the villagers in divine intervention. On the insistence of Guruji (Ramesh Bhat), the villagers resort to age-old rituals and traditions to appease the gods and beckon rain to their parched land.

Enter our protagonist, Akash (Kiran Raj), a youth who is coming from the city to the village, though the reason is not explained well enough. He is a man with modern sensibilities but also values tradition. Taunted for his urban upbringing, Akash faces challenges at every turn but proves his mettle time and again, earning the respect of the villagers through his actions.

Amidst this backdrop, Akash crosses paths with Jyothi (Yasha Shivakumar), a shy yet nature-loving girl with a fear of darkness. As their love blossoms, which almost takes the first half, Jyothi confides in Akash about her real reason for the fear of darkness. However, a confrontation with one of the village heads lands Akash in trouble with the local authorities, which takes the story to the city. Here, the film transitions into a college story, exploring themes of friendship, love triangles, and what leads Akash to get into a brawl with one of his college mates.

As the story returns to the village, viewers are left wondering whether Akash, alongside the villagers, will succeed in resolving the pressing issue and earn their respect, as he is praised as the *Bharjari Gandu* of the village. Will Jyothi overcome her fear of darkness? Unfortunately, the film ends abruptly, leaving many questions unanswered.

Director Prasiddh's intentions are evident, yet the execution falls short. It seems he struggles to grasp the gravity of the issues he aims to highlight. While the traditional methods of appeasing the gods for rain are portrayed, their impact fails to resonate. Similarly, Jyothi's fear is explained, but justice for her remains uncertain, with several narrative threads left unresolved.

In his maiden commercial venture, Kiran Raj delivers a performance that adheres closely to the director's vision, reminiscent of his roles in daily soap operas. Yasha Shivakumar infuses her character with rustic charm, while Ramesh Bhat adds a touch of divine wisdom with actors like Veena Sundaraj offer support.

Bharjari Gandu attempts to celebrate village community values and traditions; however, it falls short of delivering a cohesive narrative. Whether the takeaway of the film is the quaint village charm or the present reality of our own water crisis, remains unclear.

RATING 2.5/5

XPRESS FOCUS

Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Excels in Financial Performance for FY 2023-24

Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd. has announced remarkable financial achievements for the fiscal year 2023-24 (Pre-Audit), showcasing its robust growth and stability in the cooperative banking sector. With a slew of accomplishments, the bank has set new benchmarks in various financial metrics, reflecting its commitment to serving the community and ensuring financial inclusivity.

Avalahalli Chandrappa R, President of Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd., expressed his satisfaction with the bank's performance, stating, "We are delighted with the stellar financial results for the fiscal year 2023-24. These achievements highlight our commitment to financial prudence, customer service excellence, and community development."

According to Manjunath, General Manager, the exceptional performance of Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd. is a testament to the dedicated team, supportive members, and prudent management practices. "We remain committed in our mission to serve our community and drive inclusive growth," he said.

Established during the British Rule, Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd. has a rich legacy dating back to 1905 when it started as a credit Co-op Society before being converted into an urban co-op bank on 6th April 1907.

Since its inception, the bank has played a pivotal role in promoting thrift and financial empowerment, thereby liberating people from the clutches of moneylenders.

"Our bank has never incurred losses since its inception and is renowned for its exemplary customer service. As one of the oldest cooperative banks in the country, we take pride in our heritage and continue to evolve with the changing times," remarked Chandrappa.

Over the years, Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd. has expanded its footprint and services, with 22 branches spread across Bengaluru, Mysore City, and Ramanagar District Center. The bank has plans to further expand its reach by opening three additional branches in the upcoming year and aims to establish a presence in all district headquarters of Karnataka.

Avalahalli Chandrappa R, President of the Bank

Manjunath, General Manager

HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

- Share Capital surpasses an impressive figure of Rs.95.07 crore.
- Reserve Fund & other Funds exceed Rs.499.24 crore.
- Deposits soar past Rs.2096.22 crore.
- Working Capital exceeds Rs.2690.53 crore, showcasing the bank's capacity to fuel economic activities.
- Loans & Advances to members exceed Rs.1333.43 crore, demonstrating support for entrepreneurship and business growth.
- Investments in Govt. Securities & others exceed Rs.1188.42 crore, ensuring prudent financial management.
- Total business crosses Rs.3429.65 crore, underscoring the bank's significant contribution to the local economy.
- Profit before Tax & Provisions stands at an impressive Rs.87.58 crore, with Net Profit after Tax & Provisions reaching Rs.28.73 crore, highlighting the bank's profitability.
- Net NPAs are maintained at a minimum of 0%, reflecting the bank's asset quality and prudent risk management practices.

Bengaluru's Search for Water

SHOBHA RANI

In the city of Bengaluru, amid its skyscrapers and crowded streets, lies a tale as old as time—a story of lakes, valleys, and the ever-pressing need for water. Bengaluru's history, as with any other region, is intricately woven with its water bodies, which have long been the lifelines of the region.

Centuries ago, Bengaluru thrived on its many lakes, vital for local communities. From Ulsoor Lake to Sankey Tank, these were not just water sources but also cultural hubs. Similarly, the city's valleys served as natural catchments, storing rainwater and preserving biodiversity amidst urban growth.

However, as Bengaluru urbanised rapidly, its water landscape transformed. Lakes, once vibrant, suffered pollution, encroachment, and industrial waste, losing their natural allure to concrete structures.

Today, Bengaluru finds itself grappling with a water crisis of unprecedented proportions. Depleting groundwater levels, coupled with erratic rainfall patterns, have pushed the city to the brink of severe shortage. The consequences are affecting not only daily life but also the very survival of its residents.

Despite these challenges, there is hope on the horizon. Communities are coming together to reclaim their lakes and valleys. Citizen-led initiatives, supported by government interventions, are working tirelessly to revive the city's water bodies. From grassroots clean-up efforts to innovative water conservation projects, Bengaluru's residents are showing resilience in the face of adversity.

Looking at Bengaluru's water story, we see the importance of protecting our natural treasures. The city's future depends on how well we care for our water. By working together, we can ensure a future where water is plentiful for everyone. In Bengaluru's water journey lies a lesson for us all: to cherish and safeguard our resources for the generations ahead.

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